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SADDAM'S

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent

SUICIDE bombers, Baath Party loyalists and Al Qaeda terrorists aren't the only threats Coalition forces face in Iraq. They're also being terrorized by the vengeful ghosts of Saddam Hussein's sons Uday and Qusay!

U.S. troops killed the Butcher of Baghdad's bloodthirsty brats in a fierce firefight on July 22, but since then, the Department of Defense has received at least 145 reports of chilling encounters between servicemen and the prowling specters of the slain brothers.

"They look scary as hell — their faces all splattered with blood and their bodies riddled with bullets," says a military eyewitness in Baghdad

and almost slammed into a gas station.

"The talk among the troops is that the ghosts are behind a lot of these fatal freak accidents that keep happening to our guys over here."

The ghosts principally haunt areas the brothers frequented in life, including the ruins of their lavish residences, the soccer fields where Uday once brutalized players as head of Iraq's Olympic Committee, and the former headquarters of the secret police where Qusay oversaw the torture of political prisoners.

Among the horrifying incidents reported to the U.S. military:

- The terrifying wraiths charged a Marine guarding a Shiite mosque in the Mansur district. "I fired close to 200 rounds at them, but they just kept coming — grinning all the while," the shaken Marine reported. "When they were about five feet away, they suddenly disappeared."
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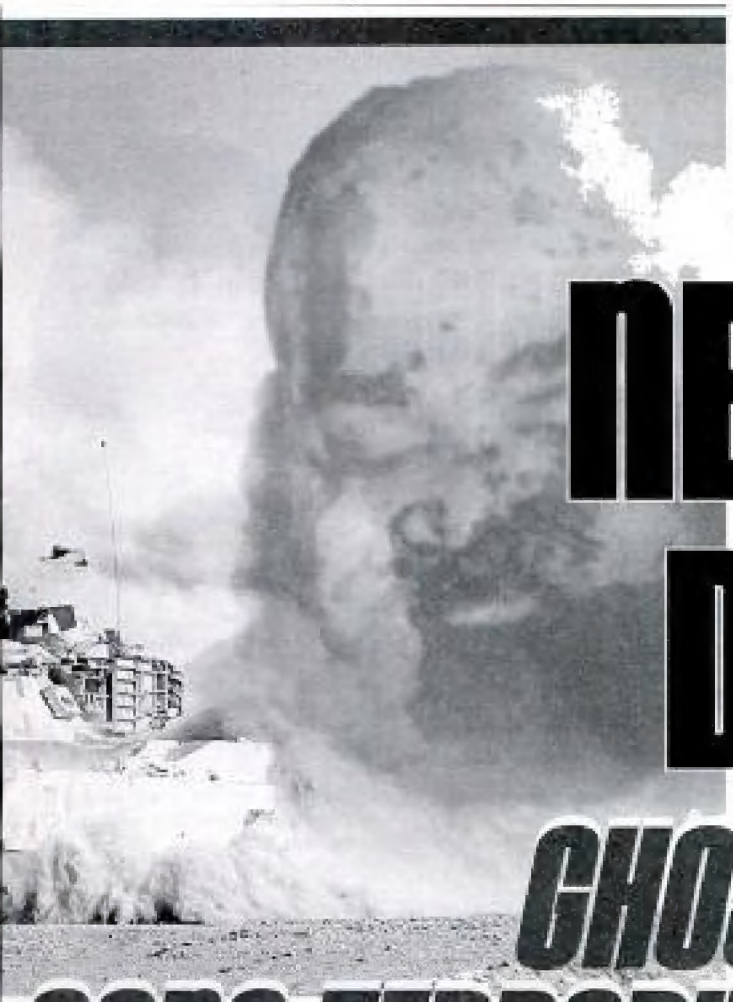

EVIL NEVER DIES!

GHOSTS OF SONS TERRORIZE IRAQ

● Seven Iraqi eyewitnesses saw a Shiite cleric who'd been cooperating with U.S. authorities get snatched off the street in the dead of night by the unearthly duo. The next morning, his corpse was found hanging from a lamppost, horribly mutilated.

● A female Army specialist claims she was sexually assaulted in a latrine by the ghost of Uday, a notorious serial rapist in life, whose favorite "sport" was to violate newlywed brides in front of their husbands.

"He tore off my uniform and threw me on the floor," the specialist, who has since been put on psychological leave, told Army investigators. "He had a hideous leer on his face and smelled like rotting meat." When the cowardly phantom heard fellow soldiers approaching, he vanished into thin air.

Six other female soldiers have reported being groped or pinched by unseen, ice-cold hands, sources say.

The Pentagon's theory is that the sightings result from "posttraumatic stress disorder" and that the soldiers have reportedly been dispatched to quell the epidemic of "hallucinations."

Officials have clamped a tight lid of secrecy over the sightings, citing concerns about morale.

"We've been warned that anyone who talks about this to the press is subject to court-martial," says a military source in Baghdad.

Not subject to the restrictions is Dr. Benyamin Ginsburg, a professor of paranormal studies from Tel Aviv, who says the military quietly brought him in to aid in the probe. He believes the ghosts are real, and he's not surprised they're on the streets of Baghdad.

"When spirits become earthbound, it's usually for one of two reasons," he explains. "Either they don't know that they're dead or they fear God's judgment on the Other Side. In this case, given their numerous crimes against humanity, Uday and Qusay must know that they're doomed to Hell the minute they leave the confines of Earth."

Both men were deeply superstitious in life and spent a fortune on psychics and soothsayers. Ginsburg says they had their homes fortified by experts in psychic warfare to keep out the angry spirits of people they'd tortured to death," Dr. Ginsburg reveals.

"It's said they took a blood oath that if they were killed in battle, they'd walk the Earth, punishing Americans and turncoat Iraqis."

The Hussein boys' intense sibling rivalry has apparently carried over into the afterlife.

"The ghosts are often seen bickering and one witness actually saw Qusay smack Uday on the back of the head," the military source says.

While officially, the Pentagon refuses to acknowledge it has a ghost problem, sources confirm that eight chaplains with a background in exorcism are on their to way Iraq — presumably, to rid the world of the vicious pair once and for all.

The White House insists it's not concerned about the supernatural menace.

Says a Bush aide, "When it comes to evil ghosts, the president's attitude

NEWS BRIEFS

Here, hot off the wire, are the freshest news stories from around the globe!

NEIGHBOR SUES OVER NOISY SEX

A man says he can't sleep because his neighbor makes so much noise when making whoopee, so he's suing her — and to prove it, he made a tape of her high-pitched passion.

"Because I live in a studio apartment, I cannot get away from her squealing," says the sleep-deprived plaintiff, a widower from Focsani, Romania.

"I talked to her and she said, 'Sue me and make a fool of yourself.'"

So the weary widower is doing just that — although he hopes he won't look foolish.

FATTY FOILS PRISON ESCAPE

Guards say a fat inmate accidentally squashed a mass breakout when he got stuck in the escape hole!

"It was the funniest thing I've ever seen," says a spokesman for the prison in Rosario, Argentina. "This fat man was stuck from the waist down and shaking his legs. Then all the other prisoners were looking really ticked off because he stopped them from escaping."

He says 30 inmates planned to bust out by digging a 12-inch hole in the ceiling. Five made it out. Then came the 224-pound prisoner, who got stuck and was caught — along with 24 others who'd been waiting for their turn.

KID GETS TIPS FOR SPEED-TRAP TIP

An enterprising 12-year-old made himself a nice chunk of cash by warning drivers about a speed trap.

Sources say a police officer set up the speed trap on a road in Montgomery, W. Va. So the boy set up a warning spot down the road, holding up a sign that read, "Radar trap ahead."

The sign worked for quite a while, until the cop wondered why he wasn't catching many speeders.

EVERYONE KNOWS ELVIS & ROCKER JIM MORRISON FAKED THEIR DEATHS

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ELVIS seen at Graceland, confirms The King is ALIVE!

Dear Editor:

Your article about Elvis being seen at Graceland (Sept. 16, 2003) was further confirmation of something I've known for years: Elvis is still alive. The thing is, he isn't the only major rock star to have faked his own death. Jim Morrison of The Doors is still around, too. In fact, I have heard from reliable sources (I happen to have a lot of friends in the mortuary and music industries) that recently Elvis and Jim were talking about forming a band, but they got to arguing about **who would be lead vocalist, since both are basically singers rather than instrumentalists. It got to the point where Morrison got fed up, and decided to fake his death again. So even the people who know he didn't really die back in 1971 think he's really dead now, even though he isn't! It's kind of confusing, I know. But there you go! Another scoop for you, free of charge! — Byron B., Burbank, Calif.**

Interesting story, Byron. But is The King still trying to form a band? Maybe he should get together with the other members of The Doors. We hear he used to do a mean version of Light My Fire in his Vegas act.

MORRISON originally faked his death in 1971, say insiders.

— Now the two idols are talking about forming a new band!

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for your "Spontaneous Nerd Combustion" article in your July 22 issue. It made me even more thankful that George Bush is now our president as opposed to Al Gore, the "creator of the Internet."

Let's face it, Gore's a nerd. If he had become president and focused on the economy like a laser beam (as he said he was going to do), I have no doubt he would have spontaneously combusted just as described in your article, and the White House might well have gone up in flames.

My theory lends credence to your claim that Gore will be made governor of the moon. It makes sense, because there's much less chance of Gore spontaneously combusting on the moon due to the lack of oxygen.

Thanks for having the courage to print the truth! And tell Dotti I'm available! — Dan M., Austin, Texas

You really put two and two together there, Dan! Good thinking! As for Dotti, she says she only dates men who net at least somewhere in the high six figures, unless they have "compensating features." This is a family publication, so we can't get any more specific than that.

Dear Editor:

Instead of killing Saddam Hussein's favorite camel (Sept. 2, 2003), I'd like to suggest capturing her alive and putting her on exhibition in the Smithsonian's Washington National Zoo. Not only would she be well cared for, but she would be a sort of living war trophy, a permanent souvenir of the downfall of a very cruel and ruthless dictator. — Peter G., Dunedin, Fla.

Your idea certainly has merit, Peter. We'll pass it on to our contacts in the government.

Dear Editor:

I just got the August 26 edition of *Weekly World News*, and it's awesome! My favorite part is the alien abduction. I wanted to know if you could maybe send me a couple of photos of the abduction and maybe your autograph. I'm your biggest fan! — Ashley N., Durant, Okla.

The only pictures of the alien abduction that we have were the ones we printed, Ashley, so you've got everything we've got. But we really appreciate your interest and enthusiasm.

Letter of the Week

Hey WWN!

I'm a specialist in the United States Army. My unit is the 4th battalion 27th Field Artillery out of Baumholder, Germany. Currently, we've been tasked to conduct Support and Stability Operations in the heart of Baghdad. Needless to say, this has been an eye-opener for the past 111 days we've been at it.

I'd like to pose a question: Flying carpets, genies, enchanting belly dancers — have any of these been reported to HQ yet? There's gotta be something afoot! Just a heads up for your reporters on the ground. Rock on!

Faithfully subscribed,

Matthew O., Baghdad, Iraq

Thanks a million, Matthew. We're just glad we can

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Hey, they're not bimbos!

MOST FEMALE ROCKET SCIENTISTS ARE BLONDES!

By VICKIE YORK
Correspondent

FORGET about the old "dumb blonde" stereotype. A surprising new study of women in the workforce reveals that most female rocket scientists are natural blondes!

And fair-haired lasses also make up the majority of neurosurgeons, CEOs, physics professors and college presidents in the U.S., the survey conducted by the Chicago-based Relling Research Group reveals.

"We were quite startled by the results ourselves," admits sociologist Dr. Lauren Benbolt, who helmed the study.

"Many Americans think of blondes as dimwitted, Barbie-type 'airheads' who are stuck in undemanding jobs such as receptionists and strippers. But nothing is further from the truth."

A group that promotes greater understanding of blondes hailed the study.

"Finally, we're getting the respect we deserve," declares a spokeswoman for the Alliance for Promotion of Positive Blonde Media Images.

"Maybe now we'll stop hearing those appalling jokes about how 'stupid' we are."

Among other fascinating revelations, the study found that blonde NASA scientists outnumber brunettes two to one.

"Many of the women you find in rocket science in America today are the daughters or granddaughters of German rocket scientists who came over after World War II. When you think about it, it makes sense that they tend to have fair hair," Dr. Benbolt observes.

"Many other blondes are 'bluebloods' whose ancestors came over on the Mayflower and whose families have had the advantage of college educations for generations. That could be why women with yellow hair and classic all-American good looks dominate the high-brain-power professions."

The "dumb blonde" stereotype, ironically, may have been spawned by bimbo brunettes, the expert observes.

"We found that the high level of success in careers that require intelligence applies only to natural blondes, not bottle blondes," Dr. Benbolt notes.

"Women who dye their hair blonde in an attempt to get by on their looks and land rich husbands tend not to be the smartest, and that may be what's led to the misconception that most blondes 'aren't rocket scientists.'"

Not surprisingly, groups representing brunettes blasted the study.

A spokeswoman for the support group Brunettes Are Beautiful Too grumbled, "First they say blondes are sexier and 'have more fun.' Now they're saying they're smarter too? It's not fair!"

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR!

NATURE CALLS!

BLONDE beauty Neriah says she's "definitely a nature girl at heart." Raised on a ranch in the mountains of California, Neriah says she's happiest when she's involved in outdoor pursuits like camping, fishing and horseback riding. Fortunately for us, the L.A. lovely also loves her busy career as an actress and model. Neriah has traveled the world as a *Playboy* centerfold and for featured roles in *Meatballs 5* and both *Bikini Car Wash* movies. At 5 feet 8 inches tall and 36D-23-36, she proves that fresh air really does help you grow after all!

FIVE MEN DIE TRYING TO FREE PIGLET FROM MANURE PIT!

FIVE caring and courageous animal lovers died trying to rescue a piglet from a manure pit, authorities in China say.

The heartbreaking tragedy took place in the village of Dayi, after a farmer's daughter spotted the baby pig tumble into the stinking, quicksand-like pit and cried for help, according to the *China Daily*.

Four Good Samaritans ventured into the pit one by one, but each in turn was knocked out by the fumes and drowned in the manure. All the men were dead by the time police arrived.

Miraculously, eyewitnesses

This One

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DEVIL WORSHIPERS HAVE A SANTA CLAUS TOO:

SATAN CLAWS

By GEORGE SANFORD
Correspondent

DEVIL-WORSHIPERS are teaching their children to believe in a sinister counterpart to Santa Claus — a huge, chortling, beast-like entity called Satan Claws who brings them gifts for being evil.

And in schoolrooms nationwide, these brainwashed tots may be telling your kids to look forward to visits from the Santa-from-Hell as well, a top expert warns.

"Satanists dredged up this monstrous figure from pagan myth and have revived him to reward their kids for wicked deeds," reveals Don Moesker, director of the Satanic Cult Tracking Network, based in San Francisco.

"Traditionally, Satan Claws visits on the Winter Solstice, December 21, one of the most important holidays of the Satanist calendar. However, some less-orthodox covens prefer to pay homage to him on Halloween or SamHain, as they call it — the ancient Druid day of the dead that Satanists now celebrate by settling old scores through destruction rituals, curses and malicious mischief."

Just as many American parents leave gifts from Santa out for their children, Devil-worshiping dads trucks, typical gifts brought by the leering demonoid include whips, cattle prods and other instruments of torture, and vicious pets such as baby wolverines, scorpions and crocodiles.

Satanist children write to Satan Claws, but their requests are a far cry from the wholesome orders normal kids put in to jolly old St. Nick. The letter reproduced on this page is unfortunately typical.

Rather than leaving milk and cookies for the elusive visitor as other tykes do for Santa, Satanist kids leave a sacrifice, such as a slaughtered squirrel or puppy.

Ironically, Satan Claws — described as covered in shaggy hair, with long, sharp, bear-like talons — may be distantly related to the more-benevolent Santa.

"Researchers believe that both are descended from a bear-god, later transformed into a 'wild man' figure, that dates back to prehistoric times," says Moesker.

"It's almost certain that Satan Claws is related to the pagan god Bacchus, who represents lust, decadence and disorder and whose special day | appalling rituals involving human

A child's letter to Satan Claws

Moesker obtained this letter written by the 6-year-old son of a Devil-worshipping Iowa couple:

Dear Satan Clawz,
Please bring me brazz knuckles and a knife with a jagged edge and some smallpox germs and make my teacher get diarreah (sic). I'd also like some poizon. Thankz, Bobby.
P.S. While you're here, could you please kill my baby sister?

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT: Satanist kids are taught that if they're bad all year, Santa Claws, shown in this artist's conception, will be generous when he comes to town.

Moesker's group wants discussion of Satan Claws banned from schools. But Satanists say nothing's wrong with encouraging kids to believe in Satan Claws.

"Christian children have traditions associated with Christmas and Jewish kids have Hanukkah," points out the deacon of a Satanist church in Hot Springs, Ark.

Say goodbye to those ugly fat rolls forever . . .

LOSE 70 POUNDS IN 15 DAYS —

WITH FLESH-EATING BACTERIA!

WHO wouldn't trade this flabby body, with its unattractive and uncomfortable pounds of flesh . . .

. . . for a trim, sexy shape like this one? Maybe that's why lard-butt ladies and gents are lining up for

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

THE FLESH-EATING disease that spread terror worldwide in the 1990s is making a comeback — as a weight-loss treatment.

The new, mutated version of the bacteria feasts only on fatty tissue. And excited obese people are now deliberately infecting themselves with the fat-gobbling germ in what's fast becoming the hottest new dieting fad.

Well-to-do tubby folks are lining up at doctor's offices around the country for the new procedure, in which the flab-munching bacteria is injected directly into "problem areas" such as beer bellies, love handles, thighs and hips.

"What we do is perfectly safe," explains infectious-disease specialist Dr. Randolph Blackett, who worked with a Los Angeles plastic surgeon to develop the technique.

"This is a mutant strain of Streptococcus pyogenes, the bacteria responsible for Necrotizing Fasciitis, the so-called 'flesh-eating disease.'

"Unlike its more virulent cousin, which destroys skin, subcutaneous tissue and muscle with alarming speed, this variety targets only fat cells."

The voracious bug cuts through fat "like a buzz saw," the expert says, eliminating an incredible three inches of ugly, unsightly flab per hour.

"This procedure has the speed of

Blackett claims. "When fat supply dwindles, the bacteria simply die off."

Patients who've had the slimming treatment are delighted with the results.

"I went from 210 pounds to 140 pounds in 15 days with the help of fat-eating bacteria," says the wife of a well-known Hollywood producer. "Now, when my husband invites those young starlets in bikinis to hang out by the pool, I don't feel so insecure."

Another woman, in her 50s, says she lost 38 pounds — without dieting or altering her eating habits.

But not everyone can afford the shots, which cost about $900. The fear is that some foolhardy fatties desperate to peel off pounds could try to get infected naturally, a possibility that worries doctors.

They fear that some ill-informed hefty folks may mistakenly expose themselves to the dangerous original form of the bug.

"Infectious diseases of this kind are not to be treated lightly," says an expert at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. "The original form of the bacteria can cause extensive tissue damage

Lady sword swallowers biggest hit of Big Top!

FEMALE contortionists get asked out a lot by love-starved men impressed by all the eye-popping tricks they can do with their bodies.

But surprisingly, they don't land the most dates, according to the German magazine *Circus Life*. It's actually lady sword-swallowers who garner the great-

ALIENS GET BIG-TIME HEADACHES

. . . that's why they're raiding every drugstore on Earth!

By BILLY FLEER
Correspondent

BULB-HEADED space aliens suffer terribly from migraines because their brains are the size of basketballs. And it's the desperate search for new and better painkillers that brings these creatures to Earth, a leading UFO expert says.

"To an extraterrestrial 200,000 light years from home, with limited provisions and a splitting headache, Tylenol and aspirin, not gold or silver, are the most precious commodities in the universe," explains Dr. Joan Saint-Juste, a noted physicist who has written extensively on extraterrestrials in a career spanning 25 years.

"That's a prime reason why aliens visit this planet — to get the kind of safe and effective relief that they just can't get anywhere else. And it's not just the occasional Tylenol they want. They're seeking quantities to take back to their home planets.

"They aren't going to find them on the moon. They aren't going to find them on Mars. In this part of the galaxy, there's only one place where life is intelligent enough to produce high-quality

BIG HEAD, BIG PAIN: Aliens are grabbing aspirin and other pain medications by the handful to find relief from their galaxy-size headaches, says an E.T.-expert physicist.

ing here to get them is so outrageously simple that I'm shocked nobody has brought it up before.

"I suppose people like to think more grandiose thoughts. They want to believe extraterrestrials are fascinated by human culture and behavior, or they are hell-bent on conquest, or they are looking for valuable minerals, or they are kind and benevolent beings who simply want to help 'poor mankind' survive these dangerous times we live in.

"The fact is, you're far more likely to find an extraterrestrial darting into a Wal-Mart or a Kmart for a bottle of Tylenol than landing a starship on the White House lawn and com-

restrial Visitation" in a scholarly UFO journal, skeptics lashed out.

One expert said that creatures with the technology to build starships capable of traversing the universe must be able to find a suitable headache remedy closer to home.

Undaunted, Dr. Saint-Juste replies: "The universe is full of mysteries, and perhaps this is another of them. Besides, even here on Earth, our best pharmaceutical minds are working around the clock to find newer and better painkillers and treatments.

"The list of migraine palliatives is long. But we're still searching — not just in laboratories, but also in the jungles and rain forests, where pharmaceutical scouts are bumping into each other as they look for a 'miracle plant' and 'magic bullet' that will stop

pecially if they don't have anything that works as effectively as what they can pick up down here."

Not all space aliens have bulbous heads and oversized brains, and Dr. Saint-Juste is the first to admit that they "may be coming to Earth for other reasons."

"But the UFO record is peppered with confirmations that 'grays,' who are the aliens we know by their huge heads, have told abductees that they get splitting headaches and are raiding every drugstore on Earth — grabbing painkillers by the handful — to find some relief. They've even rifled through home medicine cabinets and stolen prescription medications.

"If you've ever had the misfortune to experience a migraine, you know how these creatures must feel. Take

COSMONAUTS FIRED AFTER ORGY WITH SEXY ALIENS!

A PAIR of rowdy Russian cosmonauts have been grounded and cashiered out of the service following a two-day, vodka-fueled orgy with a trio of female space aliens, the nation's leading UFO investigator claims.

Boris Machokhov and Mikhail Krabava breached at least 62 security regulations and articles of the code of conduct during the booze-soaked sex party. Violations include illicit fraternization, giving unauthorized persons access to restricted areas, and dereliction of duty, says Yuri Labko, who first made the explosive charge in the August edition of his monthly newsletter.

"The cosmonauts, who were working on assembly of the International Space Station (ISS), had been orbiting Earth for months," Labko reveals.

"Their excuse for their boorish behavior was that they were 'bored out of their minds' and longed for female companionship, alien or otherwise."

The Russian Space Agency (RKA) refuses to comment on Labko's report.

But government officials are said to be deeply embarrassed by the episode, which they see as a black mark on the space program, once the jewel in the crown of the old Soviet empire and the first to put a man in orbit.

"These men, who we hold up as heroes and role models for our youth, behaved like a pair of drunken hooligans," a disgusted and outraged President Vladimir Putin reportedly told aides.

According to Labko, the steamy close encounter took

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent

COSMONAUTS *are in hot water for their too-close encounter with some sexy female aliens. Images of the erotic E.T.s, reflected in the cosmonauts' helmet visors, forced the space playboys to admit everything.*

year as the crewman awaited the arrival of a Progress freighter bringing supplies.

"For two days, Mission Control in Kaliningrad lost radio contact with the cosmonauts," says Labko. "But monitoring devices picked up unusual sounds: Heavy breathing, raucous laughter and unintelligible gibberish that seemed to be a nonhuman language, as well as female giggling and ecstatic moans."

tially denied any monkey business.

But reflections in their visors proved otherwise. A few weeks later, as Soyuz spacecraft escorted the duo home, they cracked under an intense interrogation.

"The men admitted that a crew of female aliens had docked with the ISS and made it clear they wanted to blow off steam," says Labko. "There was drinking, lewd semi-nude dancing — and eventually, a sexual free-for-all."

Labko claims he was able to squeeze a few tantalizing details from his RKA sources.

"Krabava told the interrogators that the female aliens were 'better-looking than many Russian women' he'd been with and much less inhibited."

American UFO experts say it's vital that the RKA tells all it knows about the strange encounter, putting aside concerns about national pride.

GOD PLANS TO TRASH OUR UNIVERSE

'I'll make a better one' – he tells preacher

By PETE DONAHUE
Correspondent

DOOMED: Our universe has been officially recalled — a preacher says that God will destroy it and start all over again.

GOD has decided He isn't happy with the way the universe turned out, so He's going to scrap the whole thing and start again from scratch.

That's the startling claim of the Rev. Robert Dobbs, a Presbyterian minister who says the Creator spoke to him in a vision and revealed his alarming plans.

"It was an astounding experience, let me tell you," says Dobbs, the pastor of a small Midwestern church.

"On the one hand, I was of course honored beyond words that the Lord would choose me to deliver his message. On the other hand, I wish the message hadn't been so very depressing."

Dobbs was relaxing on a Sunday evening, watching the news on TV, when the screen suddenly went blank.

"I thought the cable had gone out," he says. "But then a voice spoke, saying, 'We interrupt this program to bring you a special announcement from the Lord your God.'

"Then the screen was filled with a blinding light and I had to avert my eyes. Then a deep, resonant voice that was unlike any other I'd ever heard said: 'My son, listen this message to all mankind.' I knew immediately that this was none other than the voice of God, and I fell to my knees, bent and put my forehead to the floor.

"I said I wasn't worthy, but the Lord said I was as worthy as anyone else and probably a lot more worthy than some He could name. He spoke to me in common, conversational English, just the way anyone you know might speak. It was obvious to me He wanted to make sure He was clearly understood.

"'My message is quite plain,' He said. 'The Earth, and in fact the entire universe, is faulty, and I plan to destroy everything and start over again.' I asked how such a thing could be, and He said, 'What can I say? I blew it.'

"He was quite blunt. I was astounded."

The reverend says that God accepts full responsibility for his actions.

"He was almost apologetic. He said the problem was that He did it too fast. He deliberately created everything in seven days, extremely quickly, just to get it done and over. Consequently the universe turned out a little shoddy. He told me, 'All those earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanoes and floods, to convinces me that everything's constantly falling apart. What a mess! It wasn't supposed to be that way. Plus, you humans turned out to be idiots, though don't take that personally.'

"The Lord finished by saying that I needed to make sure to spread the news so that everyone can repent before He destroys everything and begins a new creation. He said the end would come at the stroke of midnight this coming New Year. Accordingly, I've been preaching about this every Sunday."

Rev. Dobbs' perceived revelation has so far met with much skepticism.

"Myself, I think the reverend is the victim of a practical joke," says Larry Kelty, 43, a parishioner at Dobbs' church. "Why would the Lord need a TV set to appear on? You have to suspect someone found a way of tapping into his cable."

REV. ROBERT Dobbs says the entire universe has been put on notice by God.

But others disagree.

Says Maisy Trent, 57, another parishioner, "Rev. Dobbs is renowned for his integrity. If He says the Lord plans to destroy the universe, then everyone better go down on their knees and get right with God right now, because you better believe the end is near."

Dobbs adds: "The Lord was very frank with me, and I'm being

UNTIL DEATH DO THEM PART

PERSISTENT Peter Fallon tried to kill his wife by spiking her iced tea with rat poison and crashing their car into a telephone pole at 50 m.p.h. And when that didn't work, say cops, he shot her dead — just two days after their wedding!

"She was sugar and spice until she got the ring on my finger and then she turned into a witch," Fallon, 28, fumed in his statement to stunned detectives in Pretoria, South Africa.

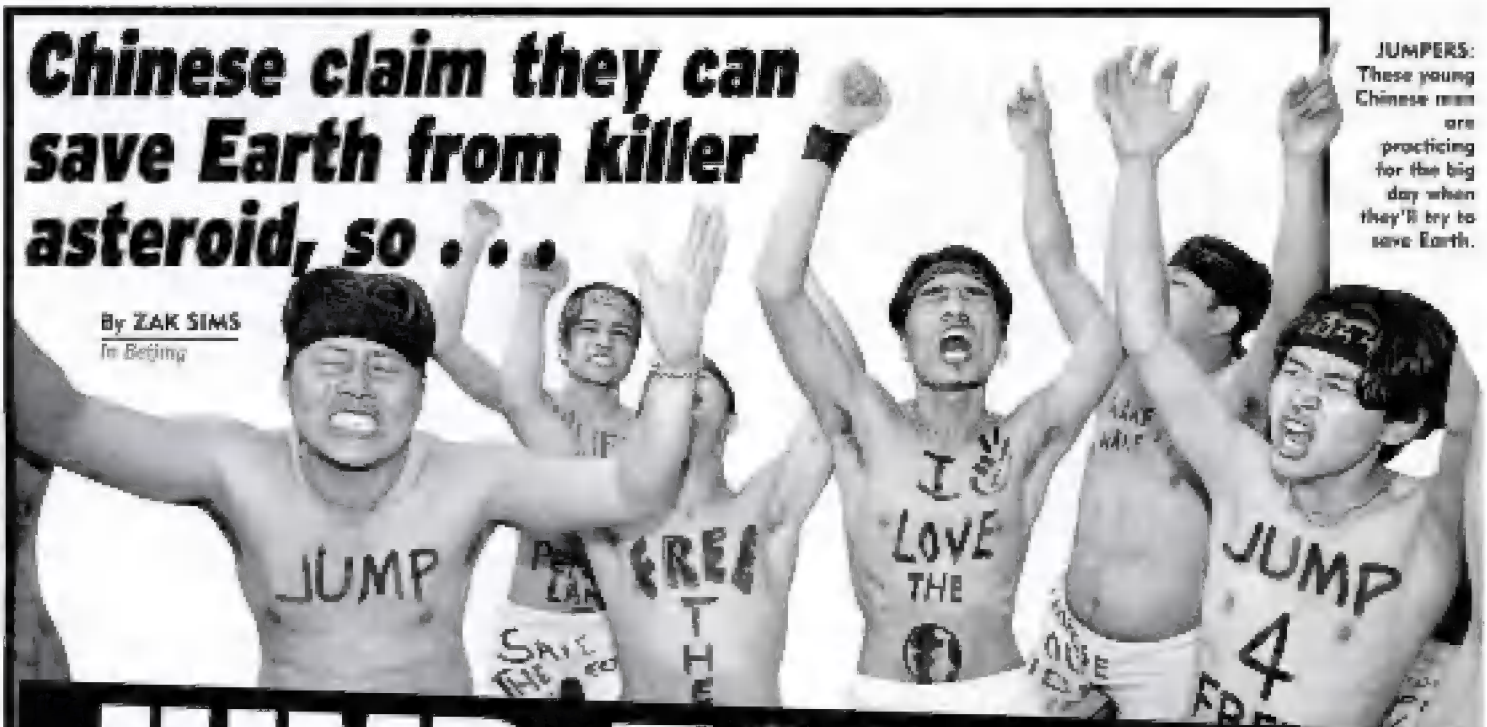
"She nagged me. She wouldn't give me enough sex. She wouldn't clean anything. She wouldn't fix me something to eat. Poison wouldn't kill her — and she just nagged me more than ever about wrecking the car.

"So I blew her away."

If convicted of first-degree murder as charged, Fallon faces life in prison. Asked by reporters why he rushed to kill bride Brenda Fallon, 27, instead of trying to work things out, he said: "Work

Chinese claim they can save Earth from killer asteroid, so . . .

By ZAK SIMS
In Beijing



JUMPERS: These young Chinese men are practicing for the big day when they'll try to save Earth.

JUMP FOR JOY!

GOD BLESS the Chinese!

They claim they can save mankind from a doomsday asteroid that's big enough to vaporize Europe and throw the world into a new Ice Age by jumping up and down to nudge our planet out of harm's way.

President George W. Bush has praised the country's diehard communist leadership for what he calls "a wonderful gesture that suggests China is finally prepared to join the United States in creating a New World Order based on love, respect for diversity, and compassion for all men everywhere."

"I have every confidence we will be saved from this asteroid thanks to China's ingenuity and warm and loving heart," Bush told astrophysicists at an impromptu news conference in Washington.

KILLER ROCK: If China doesn't make the big jump, scientists say, the asteroid hurtling

"If the asteroid were to hit Earth, the explosion would be eight million times bigger than the A-bomb we used on the Japanese at Hiroshima.

"I don't have to tell you that a blast like that would bomb the entire world back to the Ice Age."

The Chinese themselves have become so enthralled with the plan — which, they say, will be known as the Mankind and Saving the Earth Initiative."

Chinese government spokesman Wei Ling Chan, in Beijing, says: "The People's Republic thinks constantly about the good of the whole world. Every Chinese heart is beating faster at the prospect of saving our planet 11 short years from now, when the asteroid arrives.

"We are prepared for the big day and ready to jump for the glory of China and of all the peoples of the world."

Scientists who have been tracking the monster asteroid say that the space rock could slam into Earth just after 9 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014.

As President Bush accurately noted, the 2,600 million-ton rock — which is traveling 20 miles per second — is big enough to vaporize all of Europe while causing global firestorms and kicking up enough dirt and debris to cause a new Ice Age.

And yet, with its 1.5 billion citizens ready to jump in unison on command, China could actually "bump" Earth out of the path of the asteroid, American scientists say.

"Not only is it possible, it could be mankind's only hope of avoiding destruction," says one Washington physicist.

times require desperate measures.

"Thank God there are so many Chinese. We will need every man, woman and child they've got to make the jump successful."

Meanwhile, rumors are flying that America will seek to participate by coordinating a U.S. jump with the Chinese.

"Let's just say we're taking a hard look at the science involved," says a Capitol Hill source in a position to know. "Remember: We're on the opposite side of the world. We don't want to 'bump' the planet to the left while the Chinese are 'bumping' it to the right.

"We could very well wind up going nowhere with an asteroid bearing down on us.

"If negating the Chinese jump looks like it's going to be a problem, we can certainly explore other options. We might even want to send sizeable numbers of troops to China to participate in the jump, under Chinese supervision."

Says spokesman Wei Ling Chan: "The government of China will welcome all freedom-loving people who wish to participate in the jump.

"Once we nudge our planet out of harm's way and the killer asteroid blazes past, we will have a celebration in Tiananmen Square.

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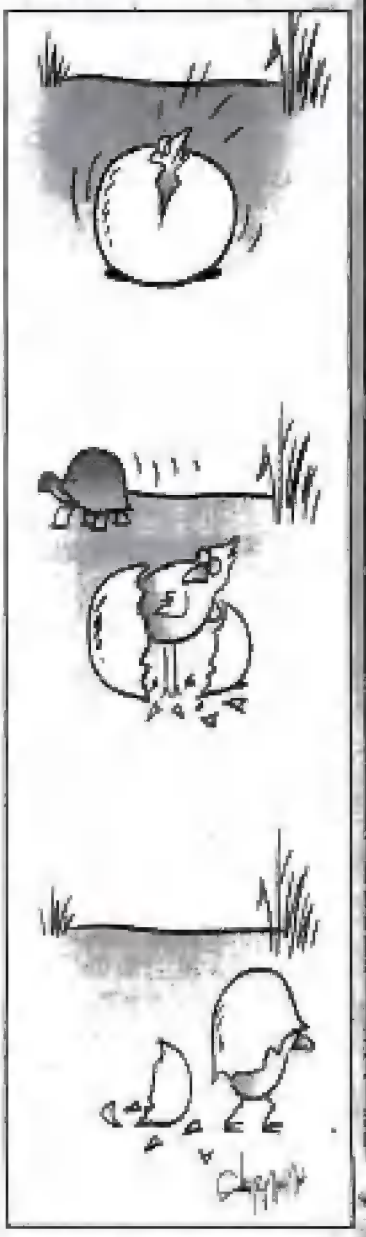

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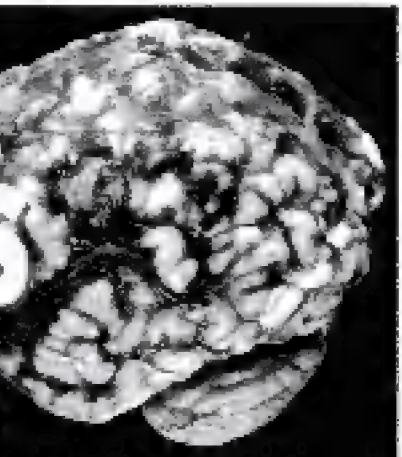

Deadly spores are destroying brains of every man, woman & child on Earth

By NICKI FREEZE
Correspondent

A LEADING scientist says every man, woman and child on the planet is going stark raving mad thanks to a terrifying "brain fungus" from outer space.

Dr. Adrian Hammill of Washington says you need look no further than the headlines in your morning newspaper to find the proof.

"Terrorism, murder, rape, child abuse, pornography and mayhem of all sorts — do you ever wonder why the whole world seems to be going nuts?" the expert asks. "The answer is simple, and chilling. We've all been infected by a fungus from space.

"Life on Earth may have been seeded by spores drifting through our galaxy," he adds. "Now spores of a different kind are threatening to destroy us."

The Washington-based physician says his worst fears have been corroborated by testing on mental patients and prison inmates in California and Arkansas, and also in Russia.

And he's quick to note that a fungus that enters the brain through the mouth, nose and ear canals easily could have drifted to Earth from the outer reaches of the universe — just as space spores seeded life on our planet hundreds of millions of years ago.

Even today, it's estimated that as many as half of all viruses on Earth originate in space and are borne here by meteorites, space dust and assorted chunks of extraterrestrial debris.

"The difference in the fungus and the ability to drive people mad.

"That's why we see all this mindless violence every day on the TV news.

"And it also explains why we rave over untalented nobodies who suddenly become major movie and pop stars — and why we vote for self-serving, ill-informed and stupid politicians who are elected to some of the highest offices in the land.

"We're so crazed by the alien fungus, we just don't know any better.

"At the moment, I don't think there is a single totally sane human being on this planet."

Dr. Hammill says the alien fungus quickly numbs — and then destroys — the portions of the brain that give us judgment and inhibit our primitive, aggressive impulses.

"Of course, by the time you're completely off your rocker, it's too late. You're too crazy to care."

Dr. Hammill is seeking funding for a fact-finding study that will help scientists develop a quick, reliable and inexpensive test to identify fungus-infected people.

Only then, he says, can we begin to look for effective treatments and possibly even a vaccine.

"Until we find a treatment," he continues, "there isn't a whole lot we can do other than hope that the fungus dies out before humanity destroys itself.

"Meanwhile, those of us who have the willpower should fight to minimize its ill effects. No matter how badly you want to do something you know is crazy or wrong, resist the urge with all your might.

"If we're lucky, it won't be too little too

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HOMELESS MAN IS LIFTED TO HEAVEN

By JACK KENNEDY
Correspondent

HUNDREDS of people on a crowded Florida beach saw a man rise up into the air as if being lifted by an unseen force and vanish into the great blue yonder.

And while nobody can say for sure where the kindly transient known to locals as "Hobo Bill" went, many, including at least one preacher, say he was raised up into Heaven.

Psychologists, who first tried blaming the event on mass hysteria and group hallucinations, now say they are completely baffled. Even cops, who are paid to find answers, have come up with no explanation. Says one veteran detective: "This is the strangest thing I've ever dealt with."

Significantly, so far the disappearance of Hobo Bill is not being treated as a missing person case.

The Rev. Anthony Tripton witnessed what many are calling "the miracle on Vero Beach" while relaxing with his wife and three children. He is one of a growing number of people who believe God lifted the man directly into Heaven.

"I can only think he was in real good with God and was taken home," says the preacher.

Cops investigating Hobo Bill's disappearance refuse to speculate on what might have taken place, saying only that "approximately 250 eyewitnesses tell pretty much the same story."

"You always get some variation from eyewitnesses, people see the same things in different ways," says one detective. "But the basic accounts that we're hearing match up pretty well.

"Everybody agrees the man was shuffling along the beach when he stopped dead in his tracks, stood up straight and looked into the sky. Then he raised both arms high up over his head like he was trying to get somebody's attention.

"Accounts vary a little at this point. Some people say it was nothing more than a pinpoint.

"Still others say there was no light — and some of them say they heard trumpets.

"But what they all seem to agree on is that the hobo rose up in the air with his arms still stretched upward like he was reaching to take someone's hands.

"They said he rose slowly at first, but the higher he got, the faster he went until he turned into a speck in the sky and then just disappeared."

While cops continue to discuss the case, they privately concede that it will never be closed.

Locals trying to make sense of it all are piecing together what little is known about the human puzzle who's referred to, even officially, as Hobo Bill.

But all people are sure of so far is that the dark-haired, blue-eyed bum who three days before he walked out to the beach and vanished in the sky.

"He was sleeping in the woods west of town," says Rev. Tripton. "He was quiet and mostly kept to himself, although the homeless people who live out in the same area say he told them if they ever needed help, all they had to do was call out for 'Bill.'

"And when the police checked out his campsite, all they found was a scrap of notebook paper that had the names of different religions written on it. It also said, 'We are all one.'"

Rev. Tripton says: "I know what I saw, and what I saw was a young man being taken up to Heaven.

"Why he was singled out for that honor, I don't know and I guess I never will.

"But I know I was privileged to witness a very unique and wonderful

TOPLESS TRIVIA

SINCE January alone, an astounding 263 women have been murdered by jealous husbands or boyfriends who caught them hootin' and hollerin' and having fun with the girls at all-male strip shows, the Bureau of Crime Statistics in Washington, D.C., reports.

In the same time frame, says the agency, 11 men

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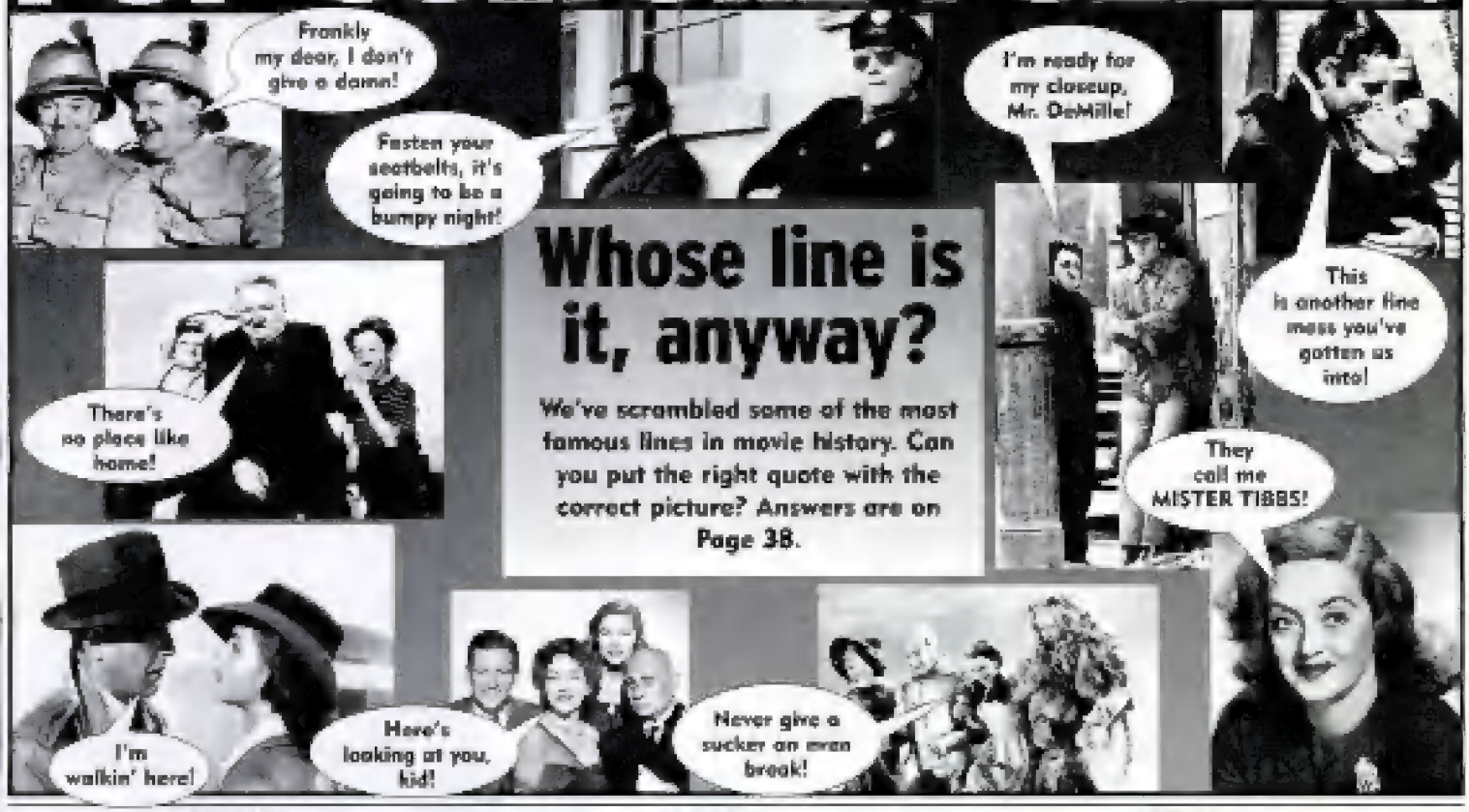

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BEAR NAKED!

Nude honeymooners flee their tent after attack by enraged grizzly

By HELEN BAUM
Correspondent

A HONEYMOON couple almost died from exposure after they were treed by a huge, angry bear.

Carol and Adam York were finally rescued by a park ranger, 59 terrifying hours after they fled to escape the massive grizzly.

The couple ran naked and terrified through thick brush after the bear ripped apart their tent.

"Luckily we were able to climb a spruce with a trunk too slender for the bear to climb," says Carol York, 46. "We clung to that pine for the next three days and two nights while the bear prowled beneath us.

"She was a big, growly bear and she was real mad at something. I guess it was my husband Adam and me."

After being treated for shock, exposure and exhaustion, the Yorks shared their incredible story of survival with *Weekly World News*.

The couple were on the second day of their honeymoon, a trip that they fondly imagined would be a romantic week in the Montana wilderness. For that reason, they chose a campsite miles from the nearest park ranger station.

Adam, 48, says they woke just after dawn and started to get romantic as honeymooners do — and that starry-eyed moment probably saved their lives.

"When the bear poked its snout through the tent flap then began to tear the canvas apart, we didn't think. We just jumped up and crawled through the bottom of the tent. We didn't take any clothes or blankets with us. All we wanted to do was to get out of there.

"We'd no idea we'd end up clinging to a tree for three days."

The couple ran about 50 yards before they stopped and looked back — and saw the little tent being destroyed by the enraged bear.

"She was huge," Adam says. "Later a park ranger said she was an elderly sow and probably weighed more than 700 pounds."

Petrified, they ran to the tree that would become their refuge. They barely made it: The grizzly managed to slash Adam's left calf, a wound that would later require nine stitches.

Adam and Carol breathed a sigh of relief when they realized the bear couldn't reach them. But as the hours dragged on and the bear prowled, they realized their ordeal had just begun.

Over the next 59 hours, the couple would endure a rainstorm in which high winds forced them to desperately hug the tree trunk to keep from falling.

Nighttime temperatures were in the low 40s and warmed to the mid-60s during the day. "But when you've been freezing cold all night without even a T-shirt for protection, it could be 80 degrees and you'd still feel chilled to the bone," Adam says.

Through it all, the bear kept up her threatening vigil.

"The strangest thing," Carol says, "was that during

But she sat there and stared at us the whole time, like she was telling us she was ready to attack if we came down."

The Yorks tried to keep each other alert and warm as the hours turned into days.

"I was so worried about Carol," says Adam. "She was shivering constantly, and by the third day her lips were turning blue."

That's when rescue finally arrived. A park ranger drove into the campsite and spotted them. He grabbed a 12-gauge shotgun and scared off the bear by firing into the air.

"I was so glad to see him, I just burst into tears," Carol

ONE MOTHER OF A TEMPER: Two honeymooners found out the hard way that mother bears can be quite temperamental.

THE nude honeymooners barely got away from the huge grizzly.

My America

BY ED ANGER

LET THE LAST MAN STANDING BE CALIFORNIA'S GOVERNOR!

I'M MADDER than Andre the Giant crammed into a Volkswagen Beetle at these thumb-sucking liberals who keep whining about how "unfair" the recall election in California is!

Their main beef is that whoever wins and is named the new governor will probably have racked up fewer votes than Gray Davis, the guy who's getting booted out. Keep in mind, folks, these are the same one-man-one-vote fanatics who are still wringing their little hands 'cause George Bush got elected president even though more people voted for Al Gore.

Other naysayers complain that with 135 candidates running, the election looks like a three-ring circus and has made the state a laughingstock.

Well, buckaroos, yours truly has come up with a way to settle the mess in California fair and square: A winner-take-all wrasslin' match!

You heard me right. Put all the candidates in a stadium and let 'em duke it out. Whoever comes out on top in the old-fashioned battle royal becomes governor. Why, a respected wrestler like Hulk Hogan could judge the event.

Look, all I'm talking about is returning to the simple, tried-and-true way human beings chose their leaders for thousands of years, going back to the caveman days.

GOVERNOR'S GRUDGE MATCH: Here are some of the candidates who Ed says should wrassle for the right to run California. From left: Gary Coleman, Cruz Bustamante, Gov. Gray Davis, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Larry Flynt.

Sure, some diehard Democrats are going to pipe up and say I'm stacking the deck in favor of Arnold Schwarzenegger, just because he's a former Mr. Universe who can bend steel with his hands.

Well, I don't deny that Arnold will most likely make mincemeat of some of the other front runners, who happen to be dwarves, cripples, pansies, female, morbidly obese or just plain out of shape.

Gary Coleman, stands just 4 feet 8 inches tall. Cruz Bustamante is such a puny wimp even a member of his own party slipped up and called him a 98-pound weakling.

But they should have thought about that before they got into politics, by jiminy. It's not Arnold's fault that while he was at the gym pumping iron, these other candidates were loafing around and pigging out on junk food.

That roly-poly Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, who's currently — or said "no" to a donut in 20, for cryin' out loud.

So I say: "Let the games begin." I guarantee you one thing: Watching a bunch of politicians beat the stuffing out of each other for four or five hours will be a lot more interesting to watch on TV than Dan Rather droning on and on about a bunch of stupid exit polls.

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By JOE CRAFT
Crime Reporter

BACHELORETTE PARTY BRAWL: BRIDE'S DAD WAS THE STRIPPER!

THE PARENTS of a bride attacked each other at their daughter's bachelorette party, after the girl's mom discovered the male stripper who'd been hired to perform was none other than the bride's dad!

"Apparently the mom and dad have been divorced for several years and just hate each other," says a police spokeswoman in Stockholm, Sweden, where the bachelorette brawl took place. "They hadn't spoken in years, and no one in the family knew the father had started stripping for extra money."

One of the guests says the bride's maid of honor hired the middle-aged dancer from an agency that specializes in older male strippers. "It was supposed to be a joke, I think, because Inga's marrying a man twice her age."

But no one laughed when the maid of honor opened the front door and the 52-year-old man popped into the room dressed only in a thong and feathers.

"He saw Inga right away and he just turned bright red — he doesn't know any of Inga's friends, so when he got his assignment he had no idea his little girl was the bride," says the guest.

"Inga turned even redder than her dad, and ran from the room," she says. "But her mom just started screaming, and jumped on the poor guy. The maid of honor called the cops — Inga's mom was just out of control."

When officers arrived, they found the bride's parents wrestling on the floor in a rage.

"You definitely don't expect to hire a stripper and have the bride's dad show up," the party guest says. "But I have to say — her dad's pretty buff for an old guy. I can see why he started doing this."

HUBBA, HUBBA! Over-the-hill male strippers like Miami's Bernie Barker are everywhere.

CRIME BLOTTER

BIRTHDAY BLAST

A surprise birthday party started out with a bang — when the guest of honor accidentally shot himself and six of his friends! Cops in a village in southern Norway say the man had found out about the party in a forest cabin, and decided to pull a prank on the 30 people who were gathering to honor him. Hiding in the woods, he shot the gun into the air — and then tripped and shot himself. The gun went off again, injuring six of the guests. "He wasn't physically hurt but in deep shock," a police spokesman said after the seven were taken to a local hospital.

PIGEONS POINT TO MURDER SUSPECT

Cops in Belgium say they found a murder suspect they'd been hunting for 14 years — after his picture appeared in a pigeon-breeder's magazine. They say the man had disappeared in 1989, soon after his wife was killed in a suspicious car accident. When an officer spotted his picture in the pigeon magazine, they arrested him and charged him with murder.

HALF-NUDE MAN WRECKS SHOPS

Lawmen locked up a man in a mental hospital after he raged through a downtown business area smashing dozens of store windows — while wearing only his underwear. Cops in Cardiff, England, say security cameras caught the 30-year-old throwing an empty wine bottle through a store window. He then grabbed a shovel and smashed 40 more windows. A judge ordered the man committed after doctors testified he was nuts.

RAP SHEET

R&B singer Kyle Norman hits a low note.

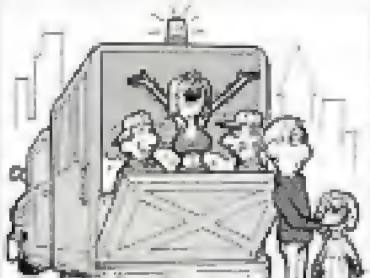
A THEFT charge exploded into a drug case against Jagged Edge star Kyle Norman, who surrendered to Georgia lawmen after they put out a warrant for his arrest.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office says charges against the 27-year-old R&B singer include drug trafficking and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

A sheriff's spokeswoman says deputies went to Norman's house in Decatur, Ga., to serve a warrant for receiving stolen property. While there, she says, they found a stash of contraband including 13 pounds of marijuana, two guns and $6,000 cash.

Deputies arrested six men and one woman who were at Norman's house, but the R&B star wasn't home.

Norman turned himself in several days later and was released the same day after



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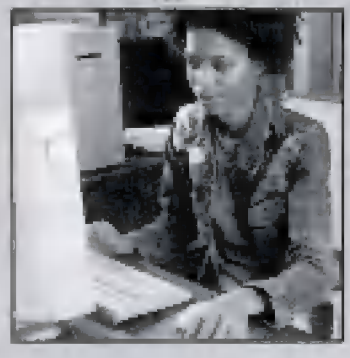

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OUR ENERGY PROBLEMS

Oil found under White House lawn

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

AMERICANS will soon be paying a lot less at the gas pump, thanks to the discovery of a huge oil deposit — under the lawn of the White House!

According to high-level administration sources, geologists estimate that 32.5 billion barrels of crude are buried beneath the presidential residence — enough to meet America's energy needs for the next five years.

"This is exciting news for all Americans," declares a White House insider, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"It means that in a very short time, the price you pay for gas will drop to just pennies a gallon — you'll be able to fill your tank for about a quarter.

"The dramatic decrease in energy costs is also bound to revitalize our economy. We're looking at the biggest economic boom in many decades."

The amazing find means that drilling in the precious Arctic National Wildlife Refuge won't be necessary and America's dependency on foreign oil will be greatly reduced.

"We won't have to kiss the butts of the Saudi Royal family anymore. We can tell them to go back to herding camels or whatever it was they did before oil was found in the Middle East," the insider notes. "And we won't have to keep sending troops to stabilize the region."

Incredibly, the initial discovery was made by groundskeepers installing a new sprinkler system on the lawn.

"It was like something out of *The Beverly Hillbillies*," says a maintenance worker. "We were underground digging a tunnel for new pipes and when my buddy's pickax hit a spot, all this black stuff shot up and sprayed him in the face."

While the discovery of oil in the nation's capital, a bustling metropolis, may sound astonishing to a layman, it is not completely unexpected to geologists, who've long known the region is rich in natural resources.

Throughout the 19th century, prospectors found gold in the D.C. area and in 1901 there were still a half dozen gold mines within walking distance of the White House.

The discovery of numerous fossils along the Potomac River dating back to the Paleocene era, 65 million years ago, also foreshadowed the oil find.

"Petroleum comes from organisms that died in prehistoric times and decayed over the eons," explains Dr. Henry Vasserman, a D.C. area geologist. "Where they existed in large numbers, there's a good chance of finding hidden oil."

Amazingly, the White House is sitting on the blockbuster oil-strike news — no formal announcement is expected for at least six weeks.

Officials have every reason to be cautious. Early in 2001, oil reserves were reportedly found under Arlington National Cemetery and presidential aides leaked the news. As soon as the rumors surfaced, veterans organizations kicked up a fuss and plans to drill there were shelved.

"We're not making that mistake again," the White House insider explains.

"The president isn't going public with this until he's ironed out any differences with historical societies that may be interested in preserving the White House as a landmark."

But President Bush has no qualms about bulldozing the famous building, which was built in the 1790s and rebuilt in 1814 after a fire.

"If this is going to make America more secure, I'm not real sentimental about it," he reportedly told an aide.

One idea being kicked around is to turn Camp David into the official residence, allowing drilling to go forward at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

"There's also talk of moving the White House brick by brick to a new location," the administration insider reveals.

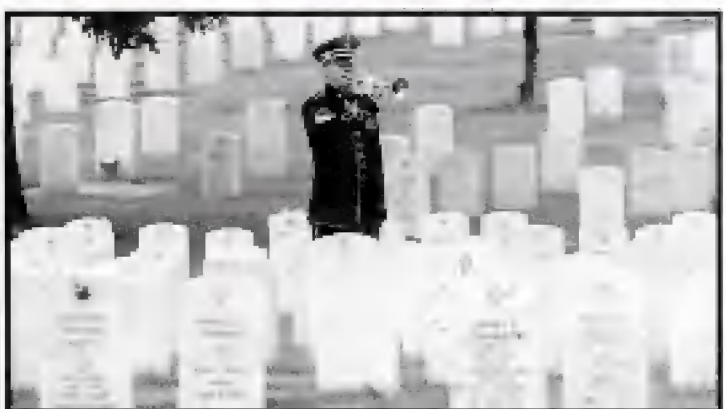
Government geologists believe that since there's oil under the White House, there's probably "black gold" elsewhere in the nation's capital. Oil companies contacted by the administration are eager to search.

U.S. capital may have to be moved," the White House insider says. "All the monuments such as the Lincoln Memorial would have to be transplanted.

"Expect to see mayors around the country campaign aggressively for their cities to be named the new capital."

The smart money is on New York, the insider adds.

"Since 9/11, fellow Americans look a lot more kindly on the Big Apple than they did in the past. It's already the cultural capital of America in the eyes of the world — this would simply make it official."



EUREKA! A huge oil deposit under the White House could yield an estimated 32.5 billion barrels of crude oil, according to top administration sources.

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GOOD BOY: Former first lady Barbara Bush hugs her son, President George W. Bush, who may be living on top of the solution to our energy problem.

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"I have struggled with what others thought about me for years . . . In the last two years I have really begun to listen to the voice inside of me." — Songbird Jessica Simpson

VITAL STATISTICS — Born: July 10, 1980, in Dallas. Height: 5 feet 3 inches. Hair: Blonde. Eyes: Brown. Married to 98 Degrees singer Nick Lachey.

Mommy keeps making me do beauty pageants

DEAR DOTTI: I'm a 9-year-old girl. Ever since I was 4, my mommy has been making me enter Little Miss pageants.

When I'm not going to school or doing homework, I'm auditioning or competing. She puts me in silly outfits and makes me sing "I'm a Little Teapot" and tap dance. My feet hurt and I'm tired all the time.

I keep telling her I'm not into this stuff at all, it's so embarrassing and stupid and totally NOT COOL, but she says I'm too young to know what is cool! Please make her stop! She reads your column, so I know she'll listen to you! — Girl Without A Childhood in San Jose

Dear Girl: You can tell your monster of a stage-mother Dotti says you're a human being, not an organ grinder's monkey. Mom needs to get a life of her own instead of basking in the glory of pedophile-bait kiddie pageants.

Why is my son acting like such a weirdo?

Dear Dotti: My teenage son has been acting peculiar lately, and I don't know what to make of it. He giggles a lot, is always eating junk food, and his eyes usually look red. When he goes in his room, he locks the door and stuffs a towel underneath it. His behavior is just downright bizarre. Do you have any notion as to what could possibly be going on? — Puzzled in Pittsburgh

Dear Puzzled: I have a notion that your son must be thanking his lucky stars he

Chong movie and maybe you'll figure a few things out.

Psycho wife chased me out of the house with a cleaver!

Dear Dotti: My wife and I have been married for 15 years, and the bloom is off the rose in the romance department, if you know what I mean. She has this friend who is quite a looker, so one day I tell my wife to invite her into the bedroom with us. Well, she goes NUTS. I mean screaming, yelling, throwing crap around. To top it off, she grabs a meat cleaver and comes at me with it, so I run out the front door, which she slams and locks. I ended up on my front porch in nothing but my tighty-whities. I guess the neighbors must have had a good chuckle. Now it's a week later, I'm staying with a buddy and she still won't let me back in. I don't see what the big deal is. Talk about overreacting! How can I talk sense into her? — Locked Out in Glendale

Dear Locked Out: Count yourself lucky, Romeo. If I were your wife, I'd have used that knife, and you'd be singing soprano now.

Do I need to get an exorcism?

Dear Dotti: A while back a girlfriend took me to a psychic fair. I'm not into ESP and stuff, but I got curious, and decided to get a reading by a man my friend said was really good. He told me he detected the presence of "demonic forces" and that I was likely to become possessed! This really scared me, because he also told me some stuff about my life that was right on target. He agreed to save me by performing an exorcism — for $1,500! My husband says we can't afford it, but what if the psychic is right? — Terrified in Louisville

Dear Terrified: This "psychic" is a bunco artist and you're a chump for believing him. Next time you feel like throwing away a large

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Unsatisfied in Greenville: You have two choices: Dump him, or get acquainted with your bathtub faucet.

Dear Starving in Clanton: Look, it's either go hungry or be a blimp. It's your choice, Michelin man.

Dear Nauseated in Tampa: I've read the Bible, and I can assure you that is NOT what Jesus meant when he said, "Let the little children come unto me." Report your sicko pastor to the proper authorities, pronto.

Dear Aryan in Ralphberg: No, the Nazi concentration camps were not "much nicer than people think." Go soak your head, moron.

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Send Dotti your letters and questions — and let her tell it like it is. Write to Dear

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Saddam & Osama's GAY WEDDING

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IT WAS bound to happen and it finally did: Just months after they were caught making tender gay love in a Pakistani motel room, doe-eyed lovebirds Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein have tied the knot in a hush-hush but otherwise opulent wedding somewhere in Northern Iraq.

And there to celebrate with the starry-eyed psychos were a veritable Who's Who of terror kingpins and assorted good friends, including grinning PLO chief Yassir Arafat, pretty-boy Libyan strongman Muammar Qaddafi, North Korean wacko Kim Jong Il and renegade French President Jacques Chirac, U.S. intelligence sources have confirmed.

According to the source, Osama, who is the "man" in the strange relationship, asked Saddam to marry him just days after their widely reported love session in Pakistan last June.

But the ex-Iraqi tyrant reportedly toyed with the Saudi expatriate for two months, taunting him with "maybes," say sources, before finally agreeing to become his "bride."

When the happy couple and their wedding party arrived at the mosque on their big day, sources say it at first appeared they would get hitched in a hurry to avoid detection.

But it soon become evident there would be no shortcuts on what Saddam would later tearfully call "the happiest day of my life."

And when they emerged from separate dressing tents that were erected outside the mosque, Osama was, according to the CIA's analysis, "resplendent in a black tuxedo, gray gloves, black cummerbund, black slacks and black patent leather shoes."

"Saddam," the report continued, "cut a somewhat less striking figure in his plain white wedding dress and cheap red pumps, which appeared to be made from molded plastic and were several sizes too small."

Little is known about the ceremony itself,

Saddam & Osama
Souvenir photo album

THE RECEPTION

STARRY-EYED Saddam arrives for the nuptials in style. Below, the just-wed couple cut the wedding cake.

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suggesting that the Al Qaeda-connected mole who provided the CIA's intelligence wasn't allowed in to see it.

The reception was a different matter, says an agency insider, who managed to obtain photos of the party and of the couple's honeymoon.

"We know that some guests lined up to kiss the bride while Osama regaled others with tales of the 9/11 terror attacks on Washington and New York," he says.

"He bragged about wanting to start a family with Saddam and raise a litter of suicide bombers to hasten the destruction of the United States.

"A little later on, the newlyweds posed for wedding pictures, including Osama removing Saddam's silky white garter and the two of them sharing laughs as they sliced into their three-tiered Black Forest wedding cake, traded bites — and then licked the icing off each other's faces and fingers."

The insider says the couple engaged a live band to play a variety of tunes, from traditional Saudi and Iraqi folk music to more contemporary offerings like *Wind Beneath My Wings* and the Frank Sinatra classic, *I Did It My Way*.

Osama, it is said, "just couldn't seem to wipe the wedding smile off his face," and it was clear that he was itching to get on with the honeymoon the newlyweds reportedly hoped to spend "in deep disguise" at a theme park in Paris.

"I love you more than life itself — I will always love you," Osama is said to have told Saddam while helping him mount the traditional "wedding camel" that they then rode to a helicopter pad a few hundred yards from the mosque.

Says the intelligence insider: "All Washington is buzzing over this wedding and just about everybody agrees there's no in-between to it — marriage is either going to mellow those two out or make them more dangerous than ever.

"We'll know a lot more in a few weeks — when the honeymoon is over."

HONEYMOON HIJINKS: Osama prepares to carry Mrs. Bin Laden across the threshold of their tent, below. The happy couple enjoys a ride at a Paris theme park, right. A "Do not disturb" sign adorns their hotel door, bottom right.

Saddam & Osama

THE HONEYMOON

Saddam & Osama

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THE HONORED GUESTS

VIP GUESTS: Amid burqa-clad beauties are, from left: Yassir Arafat, the happy couple, Muammar Qaddafi, Jacques Chirac and little Kim Jong Il.

GRAND ENTRANCE: Arafat arrives for the wedding in style

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Deathly Ill in Pulatka: I wish I could say otherwise, but your wife is spooning rat poison into your salads. That said, you have no choice: Call the police — now!

Professor in Cambridge: You'll most certainly hit on a "Theory of Everything" — but only after you admit you've been stealing equations from Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking.

New Mom in Denver: As a matter of fact, your baby daughter does have a future in music. I see her becoming a church organist.

WHY DOES THE WATER IN MY SHOWER RUN BLOODRED?

DEAR SERENA: I just moved into a 150-year-old antebellum home here in Atlanta's historic district and things are creepy to say the least. At night, I hear creepy "knocking" and "moaning" noises coming from the attic. And by day, the water in my shower runs bloodred. I called a plumber, and he's dropped by twice. Both times the water ran clear — but only until he left. I've been bathing at a friend's house but this is not a good situation, Serena. Is this old house haunted? Help! — Puzzled in Atlanta

Dear Puzzled: Get out of the house and stay out until my assistants and I arrive early next week. Your house isn't haunted — it's situated over a small but dangerous portal to Hell. And until I can seal the area from the satanic and demonic forces that are just playing tricks now but will soon get serious, you — like the previous owners who were strangled in their sleep — are at grave risk.

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Dear Sonya: My wife and I have been married 22 years and suddenly she's telling me she's sick with AIDS and can't have sex with me anymore. She swears up and down she got it by having relations before we met and says it took this long to incubate and attack her immune system. But it seems so unreal. Does she really have this terrible disease? — Confused in Utica

Dear Confused: The little lady is lying about the AIDS, dude, but you don't want to be "doing the wild thang" with her anyway. Seems she's been cheating on you right and left — and picked up a wicked case of herpes from your mailman and his girlfriend while playing a kinky game they call "Love Slave"!

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Dear Serena: I'm an old lady and I can't take surprises. So please tell me what my children are getting me for my 87th birthday next month. — Granny in Sedona

Dear Granny: I have no intention of spoiling their surprise but I'll give you a hint: Your big day starts with a limo ride to the mall — and ends in a blimp!

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Dear Sonya: The Bible says fortune-tellers like you and Serena are evil and will burn in Hell. Are you aware of that? Aren't you afraid? While I've got your attention, can you give me this week's winning lottery numbers? And will I ever meet the woman of my dreams? — Fred in Racine

Dear Fred: Hey, I've got to hand it to you for packing so many questions into such a short letter — even Serena says you've set a new indoor record! Now to answer them! Serena and I received our psychic gifts from God, and we happen to think it would be a sin NOT to use them.

That said, you can win $2,500 in this week's lottery — enough to pay your rent, utilities, car payment and child support — by playing your birth date and the last four digits of your phone number. As for meeting the woman of your dreams, you already have. She's your new boss, and the sooner you ask her out, the better off you'll be!

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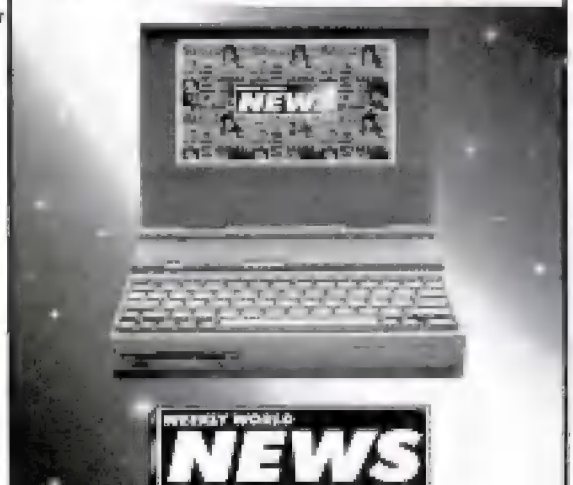

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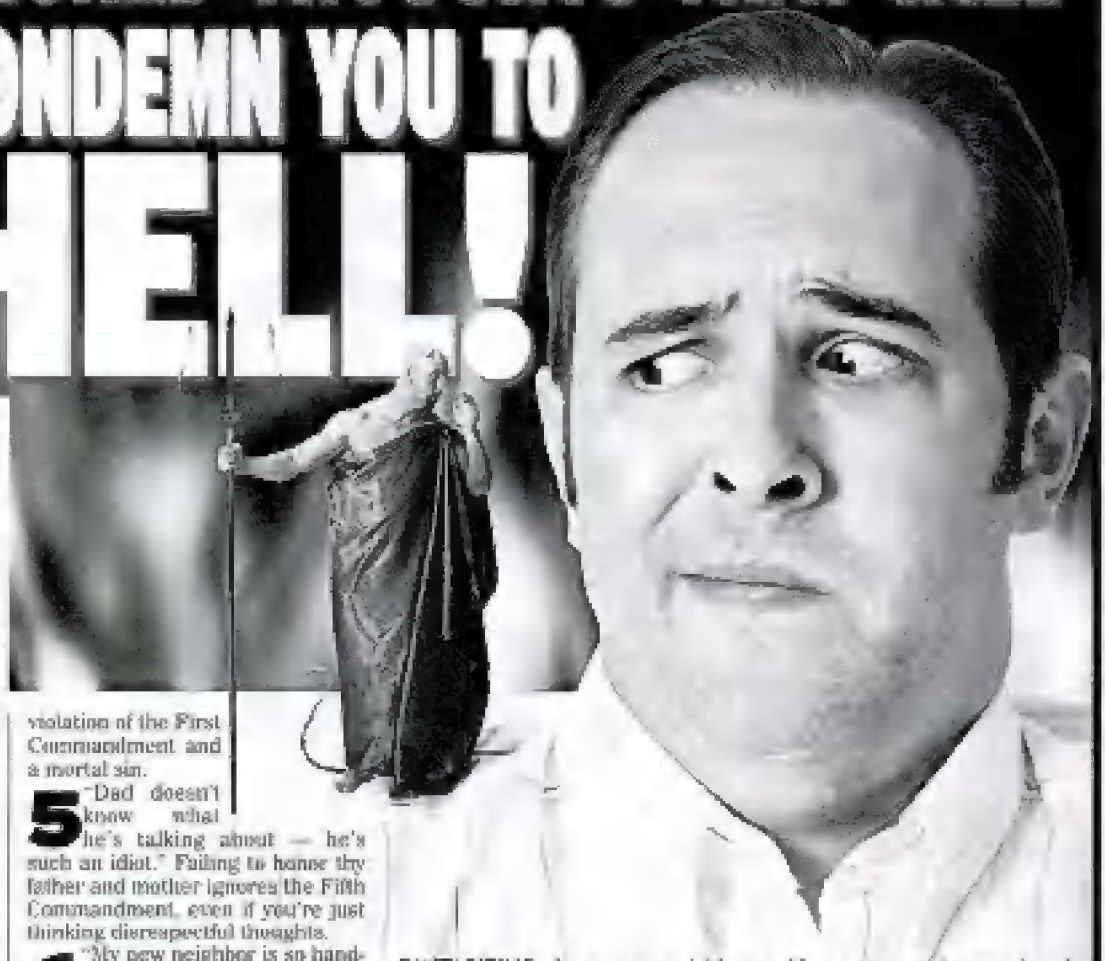
10 WICKED THOUGHTS THAT WILL CONDEMN YOU TO HELL!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent



A SINGLE wicked thought passing through your head could condemn you to Hell for all eternity — even if you never act upon it, a top Bible scholar warns.

"Many people make the tragic mistake of assuming that only sinners who perform overt acts, such as serial killers, wind up in Hell," points out the Rev. Roger Nealwood of Laramie, Wyo. "If that were so, Hell would be a very sparsely populated place instead of overflowing with billions of damned souls.

"Jesus makes it clear that we are judged not only for our deeds but our thoughts as well. We must never forget that the Lord hears all of them."

Here, from Rev. Nealwood, are 10 examples of sinful thoughts that can earn you an express ticket to Satan's domain:

1 "I wish my stupid boss was dead." Repeatedly fantasizing about throttling someone might seem harmless, but in your heart, you're committing the sin of murder.

2 "I'd love to make love to Ted's wife." Coveting your neighbor's better half violates the Tenth Commandment.

3 "What a swell car Ted has. I wish it were mine." The Tenth Commandment also bans coveting a neighbor's ox, donkey or anything else he owns.

4 "Gee, I'd give anything to be a millionaire." By putting money or "mammon" as the Bible calls it, ahead of God, you're committing violation of the First Commandment and a mortal sin.

5 "Dad doesn't know what he's talking about — he's such an idiot." Failing to honor thy father and mother ignores the Fifth Commandment, even if you're just thinking disrespectful thoughts.

6 "My new neighbor is so handsome. I wish I was in bed with him right now instead of with my husband." Fantasizing shamelessly about adultery thousands of times "is more certain to land you in Hell than cheating once in real life and then earnestly praying for forgiveness," Rev. Nealwood says.

7 "Wouldn't it be great to be invisible? I could walk into a bank and take all the money." In your heart, you're committing the sin of theft.

FANTASIZING about a sexy neighbor could cost you your immortal soul.

8 "God &*%@# it!" Whether you shout it out loud when you hit your finger with a hammer, mutter it under your breath or merely think it, it's all the same to the Lord — you're taking His name in vain.

9 "Hey, this idea could save my business $200 a month." On most days of the week, this thought is fine — but not on Sunday. The Bible orders us to keep the Sabbath holy and do no work on the Lord's day. That includes mental work.

10 "Kissing this lucky Elvis statue might help me win the lottery." Venerating so-called "lucky charms" violates the Bible's ban on graven images.

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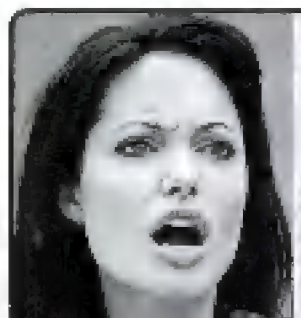

ANGELINA JOLIE FURIOUS OVER MISSING NIPPLES!

BLUBBERY-LIPPED bombshell Angelina Jolie is best known for her ultra-thick smackers, but the pouty superstar wants another part of her anatomy to get its fair due. The sexy actress is reportedly furious that her picture for the *Tomb Raider* poster were airbrushed away because producers feared they would offend parents and trigger a flood of complaints, according to the Austrian magazine *News*.

But the action-movie queen saw red when she noticed her eye-pop-

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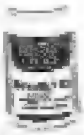

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HEAVENLY TEST IS HELL!

If you fail this final exam — you're going straight to the Devil

By DOM FENTON
Correspondent

IF YOU think living a pious life and showing up for church on Sunday guarantee you a spot in Heaven, you're in for a rude surprise.

According to thousands of people who've had near-death experiences over the past few months, to get through the Pearly Gates these days you've got to take a long and difficult written test.

"There were questions on religion, morality, ethics and philosophy, and even some on geography and current events," says Harold Bookert, a 53-year-old truck driver whose heart stopped for two-and-a-half minutes while he was on an operating table in Topeka, Kan.

"It was like taking those SATs we all had to sit through when we were in high school. I couldn't answer half the questions. And I remember thinking, 'There's no way I'm going to pass. I'm going to Hell over this.'

"And I wasn't the only one. There were thousands of people taking the test along with me. Some of them were scribbling away like they knew what they were doing. But young children and people like me who weren't college graduates just looked sick to their stomachs.

"If my doctors hadn't managed to get my heart beating again, I hate to think where I might be now.

"The thing is, I'm a church-going Christian and I accept Jesus Christ as my Savior. All my life I was taught that was enough to get me into Heaven. But now I know that isn't the case.

"You have to study and have book smarts too."

Bookert isn't the only person who was saved from a failing grade — and eternal torment at the end of the Devil's pitchfork — by doctors who managed to revive him on an operating table.

Tenth-grade dropout Doris Flint of Sydney, Australia, says: "There was no way I could answer those questions unless I cheated.

"My heart stopped while in surgery to remove a cyst from my breast and I immediately found myself shooting out of a dark tunnel into a bright light.

"I expected to meet God. But the angel who met me just handed me a pencil and a test booklet that was 20 pages long. She said I should at least try to answer every question.

"She also said the test would be graded and if I didn't pass, I wouldn't be allowed in Heaven. But she didn't call it a test. I distinctly remember her calling it 'The Final Exam.'"

Flint says the first few questions were easy to answer, including "Who is the president of the United States?" and "Was Jesus Christ crucified or burned at the stake?" and "Which is heavier, a pound of feathers or a pound of gold?"

But others were more demanding, including one that asked for a 250-word essay on "the pros and cons of situational ethics in a church setting" and another that instructed the test-taker to "find and explore the similarities in the socio-economic philosophies of Karl Marx, the father of communism, and Thomas Jefferson, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States."

"I was breaking into tears when doctors revived me," says Flint. "I've never been so happy to see a hospital in my life."

Dr. Jonathan Swallington, a professor of theology and author of several books on the afterlife, says thousands of men, women and children have had near-death experiences and seen the test, and he's interviewed dozens of them in the past 12 months.

"It's quite clear that God is raising the bar on admission to Heaven and this is His way of warning us," the Los Angeles-based expert says.

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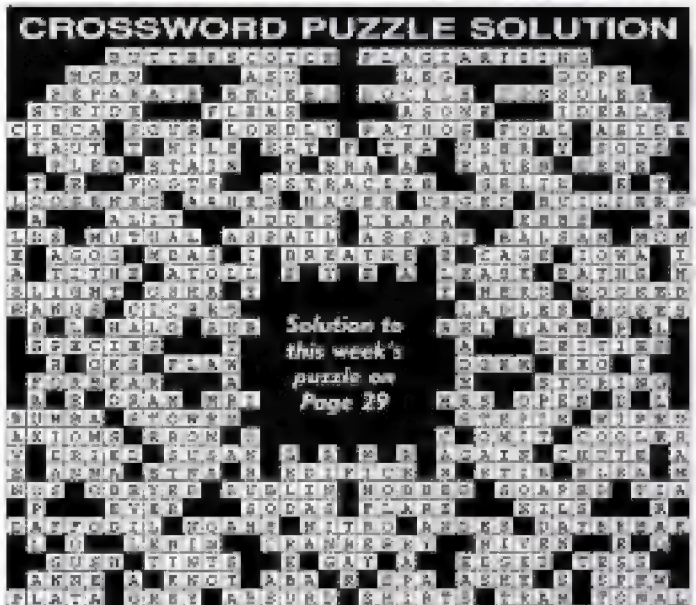

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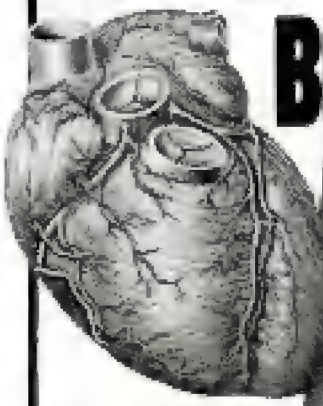

Organ from suicide donor filled happy-go-lucky guy with doom & gloom!

A CASE OF HEARTACHE: Alan Smythe says he went from happy to hopeless after receiving the heart of a woman whose depression led her to kill herself.

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Correspondent

A HEART-TRANSPLANT recipient suffering from clinical depression is suing the surgeon — charging that the doctor gave him a broken heart!

Alan Smythe of Johannesburg, South Africa, says that he had no problems with the blues until Dr. Martin Kruger placed a new heart in his chest that came from a depressed woman who had committed suicide.

"I was a happy-go-lucky guy, the life of the party," says Smythe, a 44-year-old software salesman. "Since I got that woman's heart I've been sad all the time. Some days I can't stop crying for hours at a time. I'll even break down in a crying fit when I'm trying to make a sale. It's ruined my career."

While Smythe's lawsuit may sound bizarre, efforts to have it thrown out of court as frivolous have thus far failed and court-watchers say the sad-sack salesman has an excellent chance of prevailing at trial.

"There's a growing body of evidence suggesting that, by some mechanism we don't yet understand, organ recipients can pick up traits from the donor — the anecdotes about inherited memories, habits, legal eagle Xhosa Nguka, one of the country's leading experts in medical malpractice cases.

"Dr. Kruger certainly must have been aware of this phenomenon and you can make an argument that he should have taken that factor into account before deciding to put that unhappy woman's organ into Mr. Smythe."

Smythe says that initially he was ecstatic when he got the good news that a healthy, matching heart had been found to replace his failing one.

"It was like a miracle," he recalls. "All they told me about the donor was that she'd been hit by a car. I didn't know she jumped in front of it."

But in the weeks following the successful transplant operation on July 6, the father of three began to notice a distinct change in his personality.

"My physical energy was back, but mentally I was down in the dumps," he says. "Suddenly it seemed like my life had no meaning."

The change had an impact on Smythe's marriage and family life.

"The doctor told Alan it was safe to make love to me, but he totally lost his libido," says his now-estranged wife Carrie, 39. "He stopped making jokes around the house and playing with the kids, gave up all his hobbies."

Distraught Smythe returned to the hospital to find out if his emotional tailspin had its roots in a physical problem. Tests revealed nothing — but he did learn from a nurse about the tragic fate of the 25-year-old the doctor gave me damaged goods."

Smythe, who's being treated with antidepressants, is asking for $3 million in compensate him for his loss of income, pain and suffering.

Dr. Kruger's attorney calls the concept of personality traits being transferred along with an organ transplant "junk science."

"The bottom line is my client saved this plaintiff's life," he points out. "He should be grateful."

New bullets kill you without harming the environment!

HERE's some news tree-huggers will love: The Pentagon is spending millions of dollars to develop "environmentally friendly," lead-free bullets!

"This is not a fire-and-forget kind of thing," U.S. Army spokesman Bob DiMichele told

The Pentagon awarded a Minnesota-based arms maker named Alliant a $5 million contract to create the Earth-friendly ammunition.

"We want Alliant to develop a lead-free bullet that can kill you and that's not an environmental hazard," DiMichele said.

This week: CHARLIE'S ANGELS!

DEAD OR ALIVE?

These stars once had a heavenly hit, but now you may need a private eye to find them. Who's still living and who's not? (Answers below.)

Who knew lip gloss and hair gel could be such important weapons in the war against crime? But the glamorous gals of *Charlie's Angels* had plenty of other tools too, and they all added up to a hit that's twice made it to the big screen. The 1976-81 TV show starred, clockwise from upper left: Kate Jackson (SABRINA DUNCAN), David Doyle (Angels manager JOHN BOSLEY), Jaclyn Smith (KELLY GARRETT) and Cheryl Ladd (KRIS MUNROE), who replaced Farrah Fawcett (JILL MUNROE) in the show's second season. Not shown — because he never was — is John Forsythe (CHARLES TOWNSEND), who played the voice of the genius to whom the Angels reported, and Tanya Roberts (JULIE ROGERS) and Shelley Hack (TIFFANY WELLES), both of whom joined the show in its final years.

Kate Jackson is 53. David Doyle died of a heart attack in 1997, at age 67. Jaclyn Smith is 55. Cheryl Ladd is 52. Farrah Fawcett is 56. John Forsythe is 85. Tanya Roberts is 47. Shelley Hack is 51.

MYSTERY EYES

Below are close-ups of well-known people whose eyes give them a distinctive look. Can you analyze this and identify these famous shrinks? (Answers below.)

1

Ask her anything about the birds and bees.

2

This tall Texan can be short with guests.

3

She was TV's first on-air counselor.

4

He's Seattle's favorite radio shrink.

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Card No. 3: Hermit
SOLITUDE

Love: Take some time alone and think about what you really want in a partner, and soon you'll find that special someone — or find the qualities you seek in your current partner.

Money: Opportunities abound for making extra money, perhaps in your own home! See what the Internet offers, but watch for the too-good-to-be-true.

Health: Friends and family have been making a lot of demands lately. It's time to take some time to rest and recharge, or you'll

Card No. 5: King of Cups
BENEFACTOR

Love: If you're a woman, a very kindhearted man will soon be an important part of your life. If you're a man, it's time to step back and allow the woman in your life to help you.

Money: Be on the lookout for someone who's trying to put their hand in your pocket. Stick with more traditional, low-risk investments for the time being.

Health: Don't worry about every little ache or pain, but don't ignore something that you know isn't normal for you. Rather than

Card No. 1: 2 of Pentacles
DANGER AHEAD

Love: You'll be tempted by an alluring stranger who seems to offer everything you've been seeking. Be careful: You may be nothing but a brief fling for this person, and could get hurt.

Money: The stock market has been like a roller coaster, and your financial advisers could be taking you for a ride. Keep an eye on them.

Health: Alternative medical treatments such as acupuncture can really help you, but some of them are pure quackery. Trust your

Card No. 2: 4 of Cups
AMBITION

Love: Stop accepting the things that are making you unhappy, and begin looking for relationships that support your dreams. Couples, talk to each other about your shared goals.

Money: Speak up and take opportunities to shine at work; you'll be rewarded if you go the extra mile. Meeting new goals will give you inner satisfaction.

Health: The next month is a good time for you to start a self-improvement plan; you're coming into a time of renewed physical

Card No. 4: Page of Cups
INSPIRATION

Love: The hot flame of romance can flicker and die if you don't keep it burning. Add some surprises and watch the sparks fly! Singles, an air of mystery will keep everyone guessing.

Money: Great ideas will come from an unexpected source, and you'll get points just for recognizing them. Even the roughest stone can be polished into brilliance.

Health: If you're stuck without results from your weight-loss plan, you may just need a more concrete goal. Setting a specific date

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TERRORISTS TARGETING AMERICA'S SCARECROWS

SILENT GUARDIAN: The traditional scarecrow, a symbol of American farming prowess, is now an endangered species thanks to terrorist fiends.

Al Qaeda plans to help birds wipe out nation's farmland!

AMERICA'S scarecrows are in danger — victims of the latest diabolical Al Qaeda plot to harm our nation.

Sources consulted by the Department of Homeland Security confirm that the terrorist network has targeted the straw-stuffed guardians of America's fields in a bizarre scheme to destroy U.S. agriculture.

"Eliminate scarecrows and you leave our vast wheat fields to the mercy of ravenous crows and other birds," warns agriculture expert Dr. Eleanor Martine of Norton, Kan. "What better way to starve the United States into submission?"

Dr. Martine says she and colleagues have been consulted by concerned government officials who asked them to calculate the loss to crops if the nation's system of scarecrows is compromised.

Experts estimate that in the past year, terrorist cells within the U.S. have destroyed over 15,000 scarecrows in the Midwest alone and twice that number nationwide.

While some scarecrows have been torched, most have been cut open and left to be scattered by the wind. Others have simply disappeared.

"It's as clever as it is sinister," says another university scientist consulted by the Department of Homeland Security.

"What we've been preparing for is some kind of sophisticated bio-terrorism, using germs or fungi to wipe out our crops. Instead, Al Qaeda is going low-tech."

Al Qaeda's latest outrageous attack on America is quickly making the scarecrow an endangered species — with grim potential consequences.

"The loss to America's agricultural industry could easily exceed $350 billion," says Dr. Martine. "Yes, we'll find ways to feed ourselves, but the psychological blow dealt by Al Qaeda will be absolutely devastating.

"Our nation will lose its rule as the world's breadbasket, greatly diminishing our international prestige. And the terrorists will have shown the world they can strike at America's heartland."

Uncle Sam is responding aggressively to the new threat. The Department of Homeland Security has quietly issued an order dubbed SOS (Save Our Scarecrows) to federal and state law-enforcement agencies across the country, ordering them to protect scarecrows "at all costs."

"Until now, many sheriff's departments put investigations into scarecrow vandalism on the back burner, assuming it was the work of bored rural teens," says Dr. Martine.

"Now they know how serious it

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Answers to *Weekly World News'* Celebrity Puzzle on Page 15

1. **Laurel and Hardy:** "This is another fine mess you've gotten us into!"
2. ***In the Heat of the Night*:** "They call me MISTER TIBBS!"
3. ***Gone With The Wind*:** "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn!"
4. ***Never Give a Sucker an Even Break*:** "Never give a sucker an even break!"
5. ***Midnight Cowboy*:** "I'm walkin' here!"
6. ***Casablanca*:** "Here's looking at you, kid!"
7. ***Sunset Boulevard*:** "I'm ready for my closeup, Mr. DeMille!"
8. ***The Wizard of Oz*:** "There's no place like home!"
9. ***All About Eve*:** "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night!"

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GURIAN'S WORLD OF THE BIZARRE!

By JEFFREY L. GURIAN
New York Correspondent

GANGSTERS NEED LOVE TOO! Many gangsters are forced to travel a lot, and often report feeling quite lonely while on extended trips to break the legs of watchers or whack stool pigeons. This often leads to depression, and more violence than might be strictly necessary when they reach their destinations. Thankfully, someone is stepping in to alleviate this pressing social problem. Psychologist and author Dr. Harwell Grobner plans to found a series of clubs and support groups around the country where gangsters might meet other gangsters in a social environment. "The people in law enforcement that I've talked to feel that if the gangsters have the chance to relax with people they can relate to, they will be happier while on the road, and they may be less prone to, say, put out somebody's eyes with an ice pick when a simple baseball bat to the kneecaps would do."

WE'VE LOOKING FOR A FEW DIFF MENE The defense industry has been asked to outfit America's fighting men with a new accessory: Lightweight, comfortable diapers! The dire need for the addition to standard battlefield gear became evident after a Pentagon study revealed that one in 10 U.S. servicemen called themselves the first time in combat. But American troops have nothing to be embarrassed about. A whopping 85 percent of Iraqi soldiers peed their pants — or worse — during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the hush-hush Department of Defense study revealed. Surprisingly, officers are three times as likely to lose control of their bodily functions as enlisted men.

THAT'S DEDICATION FOR YOU! Herb Stomp was incredibly proud of his attendance record at his job, having never taken a single sick day during the 37 years he worked as an artichoke stuffer. But that perfect record seemed in certain jeopardy one Monday morning when Stomp tripped and fell out of a window in his second story apartment, and landed on a wrought iron fence, impaling himself through the shoulder on one of its spikes. But when emergency workers separated the spike from the fence where he had fallen, Stomp refused to be taken to the hospital, opting instead to wait until he got off work that evening at 4:30 p.m. "I've never missed a day of work in my life, and I'm not about to start now," Stomp said. "Besides, I'm not in that much pain."

BEN HUR SHOCKER!

1925 MOVIE EXTRA TRAVELED BACK IN TIME – & DIED IN POMPEII

By RAJ KOREA
Correspondent

ARCHAEOLOGISTS say the body of an actor who disappeared from the set of the 1926 version of the movie *Ben Hur* has been discovered in a newly excavated section of Pompeii.

An ID bracelet on a Pompeii corpse, like the body shown above, could belong to an extra from *Ben Hur*. At left is a scene from the 1926 film.

The ancient Roman city was buried under millions of tons of molten rock when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D.

And while nobody can say for sure how the little-known extra wound up trapped under 20 feet of rock, ash and volcanic debris, at least one scientist has suggested that he might somehow have traveled through a time warp that led him to one of the most horrifying deaths imaginable — 1,900 years before he was born.

"We really have no idea what's happened here but a time warp is the first thing that comes to mind," says Dr. Frank Ramane, leader of the archaeological team that found the actor's body late last month.

"As was the case with most victims of Pompeii, the body was very nearly perfectly preserved under a layer of hardened ash.

"And linking the corpse to the movie and modern times was made when we found a steel I.D. bracelet on the left wrist. On top it bore the name 'William Green.' On its back were inscribed the words, 'Ben Hur, 1925.'

Dr. Ramane says movie researchers have confirmed that an aspiring young actor and sometime stunt man named Bill Green disappeared from the set of the original *Ben Hur* movie while the famous chariot race was being filmed in Culver City, Calif.

They also learned from old police records that Green's friends — he had no known family — reported him missing, but he was never found.

"How the man, or the body, got from 20th-century Culver City to first-century Pompeii is the mystery that remains to be solved," says Dr. Ramane, who is based in Los Angeles and was excavating the site under a commission from the Italian Antiquities Authority in Rome.

"You always have to consider the potentials for a hoax, although I believe that to be the least likely explanation.

"For one thing, the Pompeii site is strictly controlled, and you'd have to identify and pay off dozens of Italian officials just to get them to look the other way while you brought in the body.

"And then you'd have to cover that body with liquid rock — or something that looks like it — which to my mind is impossible.

"Maybe there's an extraterrestrial connection. Or it could be that highly advanced people from our own future — time travelers — abducted him from 1925 and for some reason unknown to us left Green stranded in the year 79, placing him in Pompeii on purpose.

"In my view, the more complicated the scenarios get, the less likely they are to have occurred. The simplest explanation remains the time warp."

In fact, as Dr. Ramane points out, there are dozens of references to time warps in literature dating back to the beginning of recorded history, including one eerie account involving Pompeii.

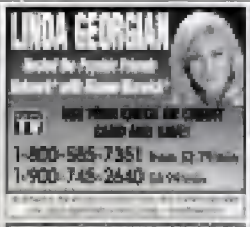
It appears in a retrospective of the eruption of Vesuvius that was written in 82 A.D., just three years after the volcano blew.

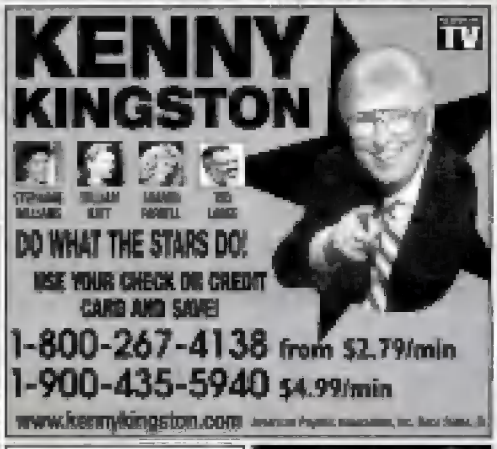
According to Dr. Ramane, it describes how "a crazy man, a veteran soldier" tried to warn citizens to get out of Pompeii by telling them he had seen what he called the fiery choking horror to come.

"When they laughed in his face, he left town, cheating fate," the archaeologist says.

"Maybe that's why Green got pulled into the past. Perhaps fate can't be cheated. It could be the actor was chosen to take the crazy legionary's place to keep the death toll at a certain level that was somehow decided in advance.

"The one thing I'm absolutely sure





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FL. 202-215 White, cute Kate 70s girl. Looking for a kind, caring man to share hugs and kisses and looking each other, 68-78, 5'5"-5'10". Let's not be alone. Only anyone reply.

FL. 202-216 Attractive lady, 60s, 5'6", 140 lbs., long red hair, green eyes, high morals, independent, active. Like travel, animals, country living. Seeking gentleman of same, man a plus. Photo/phone a must.

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MEN

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CA. 401-052 Correctional institute inmate 30 year old, passionate Mexican seeking LTR with loving female, 19-35, kids OK. Send photo. I want to love you, pick me baby.

MM. 401-053 Hispanic male, 50, owns business, very active, ISO relocatable female, no drugs/alcohol, no games/gold diggers, very serious only. Photo/phone first letter.

PUERTO RICO 401-054 Caucasian American male, 50 years old, 5'10", 160 lbs. Seeks over 50 adventuresome unrinhibited, versatile woman for possible LTR. Letter, photo, phone please. Write soon.

PA. 401-055 Six digit lottery winner. Will share. You: Mature, pump short shirts, dresses, garter belts, hose, heels. Supershaved thighs please my eyes. Inmates most welcome.

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FL. 401-058 Tall, healthy, strong, Black male, loving, kind, sincere, relocatable, to dependents. Likes traveling, fishing, flea markets. Seeking wife, 60-75, similar interests.

MS. 401-059 DWM, 45, 5'11", 180 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, lonely country boy. Wife cheated on me twice. ISO sweet country girl to make my home sweet complete. Photo please.

AR. 401-060 DWM, 46, 5'10", 190 lbs., body-builder, semi-retired business man, country home, financially secure, family oriented ISO S/DWF, height/weight proportionate, similar interests for LTR/marriage.

PA. 401-061 White male, 50, looking for a woman for friendship and more. Please send photo, will answer all. Let me make your life complete forever.

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GIANT Horoscope

BY SONYA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

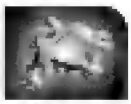
ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

You sometimes feel pressured because of the amount of projects you take on, but don't be too busy this week to help out a lovely pal.

A romantic evening with a special person can bring feelings of warmth and love. Be open to all the possibilities.

Don't make a mistake by ignoring the invitation of a stranger to join in a project. It will lead to a fortunate crossroads!

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20



Your cool judgment may be called upon when a family member or close friend comes to you with a problem this week. They'll be happy and relieved as you show them how to solve it with a minimum of fuss.

Someone you've been ignoring will become a true ally. Listen to him or her.

A phone call or e-mail brings incredible news. Your lucky number is 9.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Don't be drawn into other people's problems this week. Guard against giving advice that may backfire.

There is a strong possibility of a positive change in your lifestyle this week. Keep your options open. Don't ignore a new opportunity.

Watch for the number 11 and someone dressed in blue to further enhance your fortune.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

You've been burning the candle at both ends lately and your body is screaming for you to slow down. Ease up a bit or you'll regret it.

Pay no attention to cynics in your life.

The numbers 60 and 78 prove fruitful and it wouldn't hurt to wear a splash of a bright color.

A small person, perhaps even a child, will bring huge wisdom into life if you listen.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

Your luck will improve significantly this week. Chances for success are good so take advantage of them.

Your selfish side might emerge in the very near future, creating conflicts.

Be aware of the potential problems and try to see things from the other guy's point of view.

Tackling a delayed domestic chore will bring you unexpected luck!

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

It appears that any efforts at diet and exercise will pay off handsomely this week. Forget past failures.

The results will surprise you. Helping a friend is going to pay off.

Be a good listener and keep advice to a minimum. Trust your instincts.

Wearing green or a flash of gold enhances your chances at good fortune. Number 4 is a lucky number.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Success in an undertaking of significant impact will surprise and silence detractors and delight those who stand to profit from your judgment and guidance.

Keep an eye on your health and wallet in the days ahead.

An early morning phone call can lead to a significant upswing in your career.

The numbers 33 and 6 figure significantly in your future.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

This week you can hold the key to success if you use your natural talents and strive to achieve goals you consider beyond reach.

By trusting your inner voice and heading body language, you'll be able to reach down deep inside your being and shape events to your liking.

Money problems can disappear and the color red could be a key!

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Your indecisiveness may cause you to ease up before a project is completed. Use your will power to keep sweating it out until it's over.

Give yourself a night off and celebrate all that hard work.

You're particularly attractive to the opposite sex this week. If you're single, explore new relationships. Marrieds and steadies should rekindle their romance.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Your ability to see through the muddle comes in handy when you solve a problem puzzling to others.

Romance and surprise will be significant this week. Perhaps someone you only thought of as a friend will become more important in your life. Or the love you feel for someone suddenly burns hotter.

Your lucky color is white and your lucky number this week is 52.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Your temper will be tested this week — and if you lose it you may be paying the price for a long time.

Concentrate on winning battles and not getting even. Be smart, not tough.

Your best work will be done at home this week.

Stick to basics and if you get something special in the mail, don't be surprised. A financial upturn is waiting in the wings!

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

This should be a super week. Projects could fall into place with little or no effort, and associates may seem more eager to please.

Good news about your health or the health of someone close to you is strongly possible. If you're feeling lucky, look to the color lavender and the number 20.

Take a break from your labors and celebrate at week's end. You deserve it.

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LIBRA	1, 13, 17, 23, 44, 46
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If your birthday is this week...

The year ahead can be one of the most productive of your life if you'll just keep on

be quite good. Take up a new hobby or meet a new group of friends. The change

DIRTY TRICKS FOR OUTSMARTING USED CAR DEALERS!

CLIP & SAVE

USED CAR salesmen are notorious for their sleazy, underhanded tactics. But you can beat the masters of deceit at their own game by being even sneakier than they are!

Consumer advocate Patty Wendworth offers tips for outsmarting crooked auto dealers in her upcoming book, *100 Dirty Tricks That Leave Used Car Dealers In The Dust.*

"I've bought so many lemons from these rip off artists over the years, I thought it would be fun to turn the tables," the Houston author explains.

Here are a few of Wendworth's favorite scams:

● **FEIGN POVERTY** — The poorer you appear, the lower price you'll be able to demand. Ride up to the dealership on a bicycle, if you own one.

● **USE GUILT** — Bring along your kids, dressed in the most pathetic-looking rags you can find. While you're looking over cars, casually mention how you're "sure hoping" you'll be able to scrounge up enough money for baby formula this week for the twins you have at home.

"Remember, dealers aren't above whining about how they really need to make this sale to keep their job, or some garbage like that," the expert points out.

● **'RECOGNIZE' THE VEHICLE** — Telling the seller, "Oh yeah, I know this car — we'd always see that gay couple making out in it," or creating a similar unsavory history for the auto, will help push down the asking price.

● **STINK UP THE PLACE** — As you get in the car for a test drive, slip a slab of moldy old limburger cheese under the front seat. Then complain to the salesman that the car "smells funny."

● **USE A NOISEMAKER** — Crushing an aluminum can in your hand or doing something else to create an alarming sound when you start the engine can bring the price of a car way down.

● **BRING ALONG A SHILL** — This accomplice's job is to try to talk you out of the need to buy a car and to badmouth any vehicle you have your eye on. It can be a cranky, elderly grandparent who keeps insisting he'll let you "have my old Cadillac for free." Tell grumps you're too proud to do that — but if the dealer won't accept your price, start wavering.

● **USE A LIFELINE** — During negotiations, arrange for a pal to call you on a cell phone, telling you about a sweet deal he's found you for another car. Loudly express excitement about the price of the make-believe vehicle — $200 or $300 below the best offer from

Donkeys kill more people

MALARIA is the world's deadliest disease, killing 1.5 million people a year. It took 1,000 yards of linen to wrap the average Egyptian mummy. A baby bat is called a pup.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week.

Here's more:

● Make that "queen of the jungle:" It's the female lion who does most of the hunting. The male spends most of his time lying around the den.

● Buttercup and sweet pea are flowers that sound good enough to eat, but don't. They're among 700 U.S. plant species that have been identified

TV TRIVIA The cast of *Baywatch* used 306 pounds of body makeup and one 50-gallon drum of

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s dangerous if eaten.

• Dinosaurs lived on Earth r about 165 million years efore they became extinct.

• Keep your kids away om these dogs that are nown not to deal very well ith our young ones: St. ernard, Old English sheepog, Alaskan malamute, ull-terrier and toy poodle.

• Every gallon of seawater as about a quarter-pound f salt.

• Legendary screen siren larilyn Monroe created her xtraordinary sexy walk in a ery ordinary way: She awed off part of the heel of pe shoe.

• It's been almost 40 years ince the Second Vatican Council pproved the use of nglish and other ommon languages in lace of Latin at mass nd for other sacraments. he vote took place Nov. 21, 963.

• Be careful about promising to do something "in a ffy." A jiffy is an actual unit f time: One one-hundredth f a second.

• *Frasier*'s radio station, KACL 780, is named after he hit TV show's three executive producers: David ngell, Peter Casey and avid Lee.

• If you add up the numers 1 through 100 — 1+2+3+4+5 and so on), he total will come to 5050.

• The first legally set peed limit was 20 m.p.h., nd was declared in Engnd in 1903.

• America's first nudist organization was founded in 929, by three men.

• Who's buried in Grant's omb? Nobody — it's a omb, not a grave.

• If a month starts on a Sunday, it's guaranteed to have a Friday the 13th.

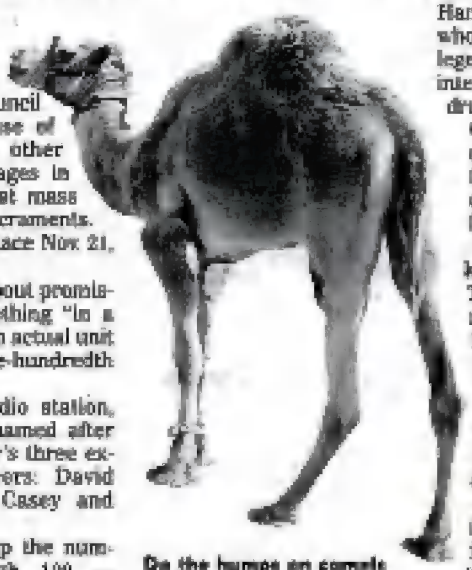
• The first music CD that was pressed in the U.S.A. was Bruce Springsteen's *Born in the U.S.A.*, released June 4, 1984.

• The bootprint on the moon, left by astronaut Neil Armstrong on his historic walk in July 1969, measured 13 by 6 inches.

• As a U.S. naval officer serving in the South Pacific during World War II, future

TV TRIVIA

Andy Kaufman, famed comic and star of *Taxi*, never smoked cigarettes — but he still died of lung cancer.



Do the humps on camels hold water? No — they're huge mounds of fat and flesh, and weigh up to 80 pounds. It is true, however, that the humps enable camels to survive for weeks without food and water.

He served free burgers and Australian beer to flight crews.

• We were shocked — shocked — to learn this: A Harvard study found that a whopping one-third of college students who drink are intentionally trying to get drunk.

• Turns out it really is easier to smile than to frown: It takes 17 muscles to smile but 43 to frown.

• TV's first interracial kiss was between *Star Trek* stars William Shatner and Nichelle Nichols, who played Capt. James T. Kirk and Lt. Uhura, respectively. The characters puckered up in "Plato's Children," which aired in 1968.

• The expression "long in the tooth" — meaning old — has to do with the way horses age. Their gums recede as they get older, making it look like their teeth are growing. The longer the teeth look, the older the horse.

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• Alfred Hitchcock's classic chiller, *Psycho*, was deliciously scary — and we mean that literally. In the black-and-white movie, Hitchcock used Bosco chocolate syrup for blood — and had someone plunge a knife into a cassaba melon to produce the sound of Janet Leigh being stabbed to death.

• *Psycho*'s shower scene, by the way, lasted a mere 45 seconds but took seven painstakingly long days to shoot.

TV TRIVIA

Jamie Farr, who played Cpl. Max Klinger on *M*A*S*H*, really did serve in the Korean War that was depicted by the show. He was the only cast member who did.

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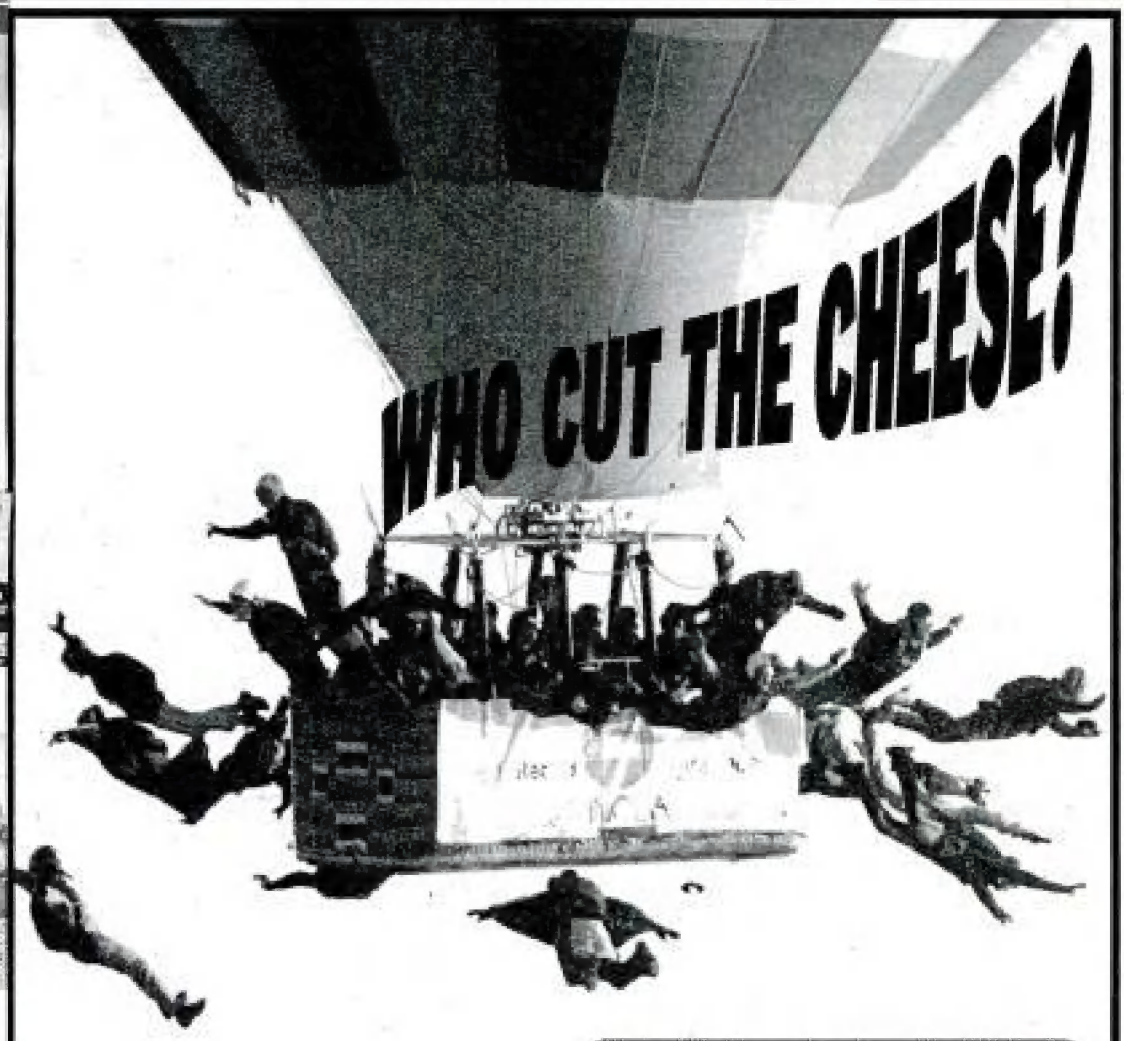

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STRIPPER WHO SQUIRTED BREAST MILK IN PATRON'S FACE BEATS THE RAP

A STRIPPER accused of squirting breast milk in the face of a patron could have been busted — but it turns out the law can't touch her!

The bizarre encounter allegedly happened at the notorious School House strip club in Jackson, Mich., on July 25.

According to a police report, the 23-year-old "victim" told lawmen he was enjoying a routine lap dance when the bosomy stripper suddenly asked him if he "wanted some of this."

The enthusiastic, 20-year-old new mom then "squeezed her breasts, at which time something shot out of her breast in a white milky form striking (the man) in the face going into his eyes and by his nose," the report says.

The disgusted and distraught customer immediately contacted the manager and cops were called to the scene. The hapless patron was concerned about possible health risks. But a doctor told authorities he saw no "immediate threat" posed by the unwanted dousing.

After examining all the evidence, prosecutors declined to press charges.

"We don't believe we could obtain a guilty verdict beyond a reasonable doubt," Jackson city attorney Julius Giglio told the local paper.

Boob in the job market earns higher salary!

SOMETIMES honesty really is the best policy. After being unemployed for months, desperate Angelika Wedberg of Goteborg, Sweden, placed a job-wanted ad in the newspaper, stating that she wanted to be well-paid but admitting bluntly: "I have no imagination, I'm antisocial, uncreative and untalented."

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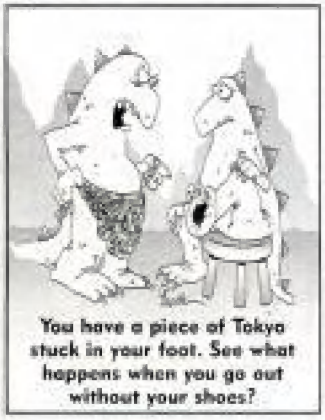

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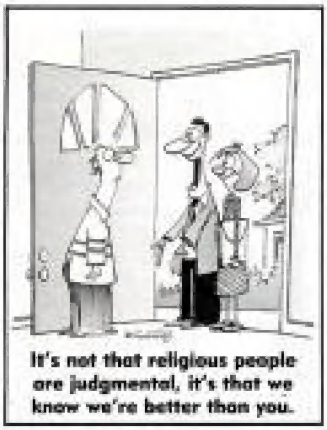

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"It seems to have been developed in a simultaneous explosion of insight by shamans, medicine men, witch doctors and the priesthood in response to what they thought was a punishment from the gods.

"Unlike today — when it sometimes seems you're more apt to get struck by lightning while winning the lottery than get nailed by a meteorite — these ancient peoples understood that they were in extreme and continuous peril.

"They watched in what must have been helpless horror as space rocks killed or vaporized their friends and loved ones — not once in a blue moon, not now and then, but on a daily basis.

"The historical record is richly illustrated with eyewitness accounts of what the ancients called 'the Shower of Fire,' which, in terms of devastation, they compared to the Great Flood."

Scientists now know that the meteorites were spawned by a pair of large asteroids that sailed through our solar system, dragging millions of tons of space debris with them.

And in a strange twist that may lend credence to the power of the amulet to protect humans from threats from space, modern computer models developed at the University of Michigan in 1999 suggest the asteroids were on a collision course with Earth, and in the words of Dr. Maller, "should have blown us out of the sky."

But for reasons that still aren't clear, the space rocks veered off their doomsday course and sailed harmlessly into space in a stunning change of trajectory that astronomers continue to argue about today.

"No scientist with a reputation to protect is going to come out and say the amulet had anything to do with it, but the possibility is intriguing," says the Washington-based anthropologist.

"Of course, to the best of our knowledge, the ancients were probably less concerned with the asteroids, which they couldn't see, than they were with the meteorites, which were raining out of the sky like sparks at a fireworks exhibition.

"And both written records and oral tradition tell us that even though many died in the 'fire showers,' those who carried the amulet lived — even when noncarriers were dropping like flies all around them."

Primitive cultures are keenly attuned to the "economics of the occult," continues the expert, and they seldom throw away or stop using anything that's brought them good luck in the past.

Such has been the case with the "fire-shower amulet," which has remained in constant use for more than 5,000 years.

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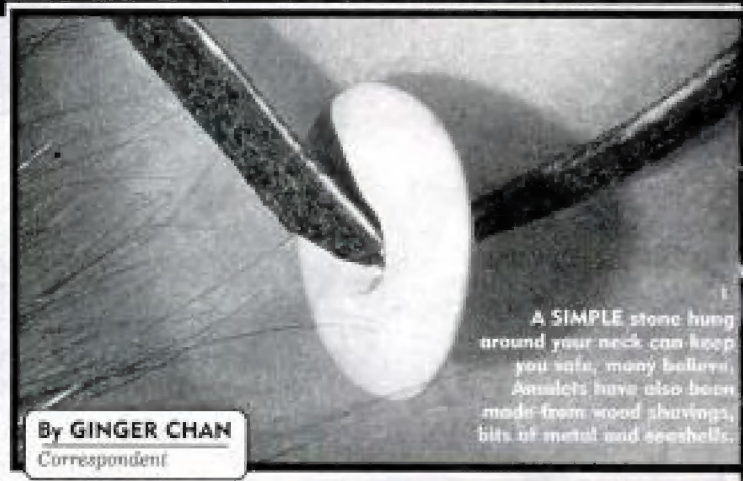

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Magician Disappears

A MAGICIAN known as The Astounding Archibald has literally made himself disappear.

Police say Archibald, 47, was last seen performing onstage at a middle school auditorium, where he climaxed his act by stepping into a wooden cabinet. When his assistant opened the cabinet doors just seconds later, the magician was gone, and did not reappear to take his curtain call. In fact, as we go to press three months later, he is still missing.

"There is no sign of foul play, but we know he was having some problems with the I.R.S., so we're working on the assumption that he skipped the country," says a police detective assigned to the case.

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For reasons that remain a mystery, London's ladybugs are even skankier than those found elsewhere, Dr. Greg Hurst of University College London told the BBC.

"They are remarkably promiscuous," Dr. Hurst says. "They actually get the highest prevalence

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